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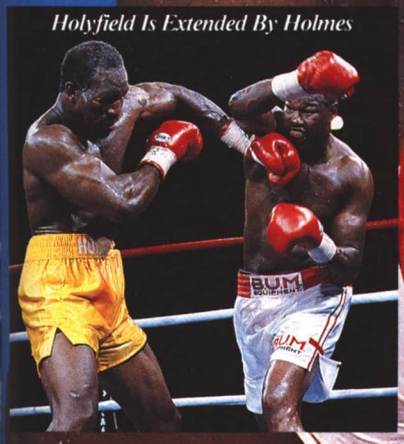

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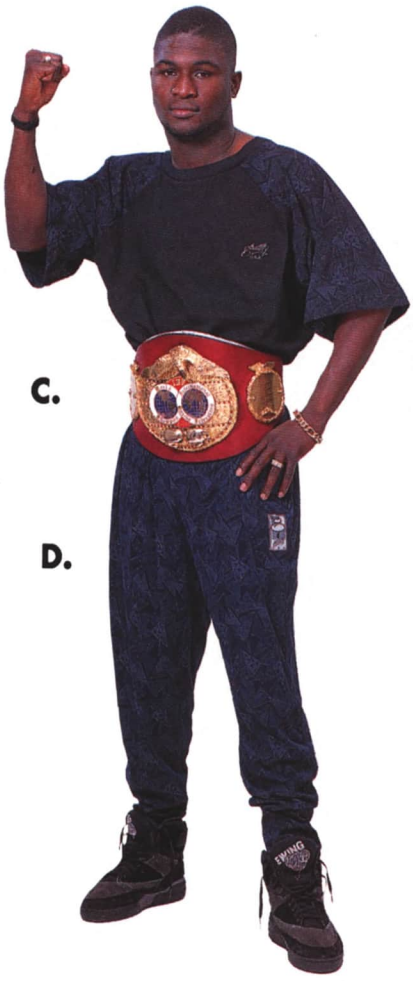

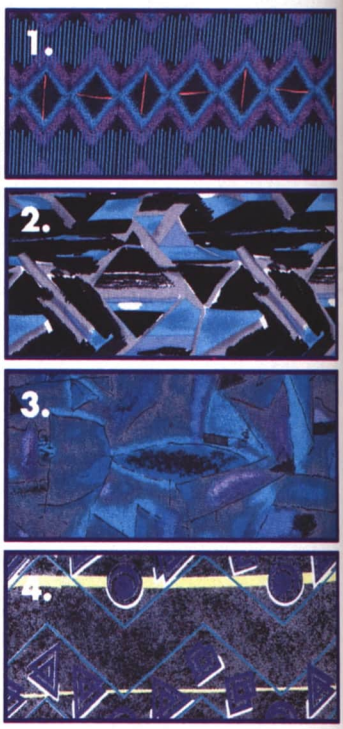

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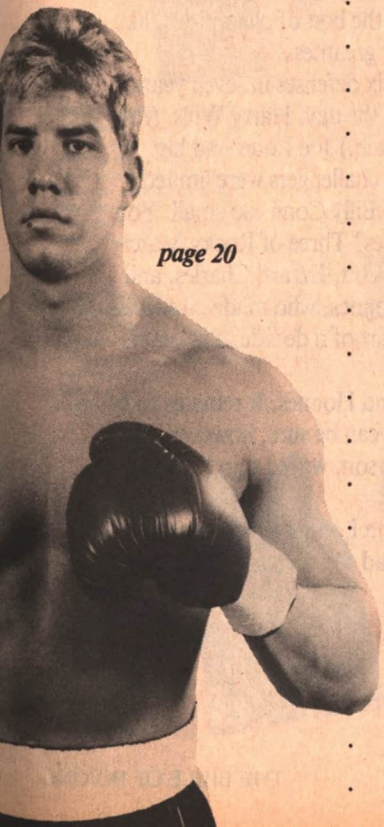

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Ringside

If Evander Holyfield will learn anything during his title reign, it's that no matter how long he remains undefeated, he can't win. But he shouldn't take it personally; it comes with the job.

When Holyfield was winning wars against Michael Dokes and Alex Stewart, he was labeled the easiest target since Dan Quayle. When he boxed smartly against the still-dangerous George Foreman, he was criticized for failing to knock a grandfather into unconsciousness. And when he signed to fight Larry Holmes, he was blasted for promoting the nostalgia craze. Even Lou Duva, the champion's co-trainer, couldn't help but take a nip at the fists that feed him. Upon spotting a Caesars Palace marquee advertising George Burns, Capt. Lou quipped, "Look at that. They got the name of Evander's next opponent up already."

In November, Holyfield will defend against Riddick Bowe. It would seem that a victory would at least temporarily quiet the critics. But Kathy Duva, part of Team Holyfield, knows better.

"They'll say Bowe was never that good," she said.

With the exception of the early- and mid-'70s, when Muhammad Ali, Joe Frazier, George Foreman, Ken Norton, Jerry Quarry, Ron Lyle, and Earnie Shavers made for the meatiest of top 10s, the heavyweight division has never been perceived as deep. Or even strong at the top. As a result, some of the best of champions, like the best of artists, had to wait for history to certify their greatness.

Jack Dempsey rarely risked the title—he made only six defenses in seven years. Moreover, he never faced the number-one contender of the day, Harry Wills. (Promoter Tex Rickard refused to make the white-black match.) Joe Louis had his Bum-Of-The-Month Club, and even his most respected challengers were limited; Max Schmeling was too old, Tony Galento too fat, and Billy Conn too small. You think the Seniors Tour started with Foreman and Holmes? Three of Rocky Marciano's five different title fight opponents, Jersey Joe Walcott, Ezzard Charles, and Archie Moore, averaged 38 years of age. Even Larry Holmes, who made 20 successful defenses and dominated the division for the better part of a decade, was never allowed to feel secure, simply because he wasn't Ali.

Time has been kind to Dempsey, Louis, Marciano, and Holmes. It remains to be seen, of course, how Holyfield will be remembered. We can be sure, however, that a loss to Bowe, combined with his failure to fight Mike Tyson, would ruin "The Real Deal's" chances of securing everlasting fame.

One hundred years ago, James J. Corbett kayoed John L. Sullivan to win the heavyweight title. Ever since, the world champion has had so much to lose, and so little to gain.

Steve Farhood
Editor-In-Chief

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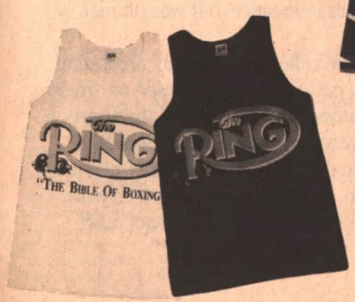

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The Holmes bout dropped Holyfield's stock

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Well, Evander Holyfield defeated Larry Holmes to remain undefeated, but lost some more popularity in the process. Why don't we, the *real* fight fans, declare the title vacant due to lack of interest? Then we can match some *real* gladiators for the crown, say Razor Ruddock vs. Riddick Bowe, and Lennox Lewis vs. Tony Tucker, with the winners to meet. Holyfield is undefeated. But undisputed? Hardly.

A couple of other questions: How in the world does Tim Witherspoon keep his top-10 rating? He hasn't had a decent fight in the last three years.

Also, how could Ray Mercer possibly have lost to Holmes?

LEN GILBERT
Kitchener, Ontario

IN PRAISE OF ASIANS

I was thrilled to see that Japan's Akinobu Hiranaka won the WBA junior welterweight title by knocking out Edwin Rosario in one round. I watched the bout on Showtime, and it was good to finally see a quality Asian fighter on television. Too often weak Asian fighters (Seung Soon Lee, Kyung Duk Ahn) are used for television, and their failures leave a lasting impression on American viewers.

Hiranaka is a good example of the new breed of aggressive, powerpunching Japanese fighters. Along with WBC bantamweight champion Joichiro Tatsuyoshi and WBA junior bantamweight king Katsuya Onizuka, he will bring overdue recognition to Asian boxers.

DANIEL RATHBUN
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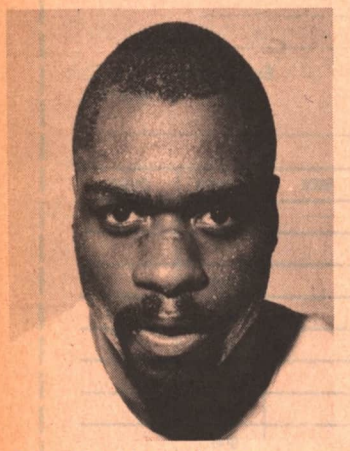
Hiranaka celebrates his title-winning kayo



Carter: Ultimately proved innocent

THE HURRICANE'S FREEDOM

Thank you for your "Battle Of The Legends" between Rubin "Huricane" Carter and Rocky Graziano, which appeared in the August 1992 issue. What a sizzling bout that would have been!

As co-authors of the book *Lazarus And The Hurricane: The Untold Story Of The Freeing Of Rubin "Hurricane" Carter,* we'd like to clarify a misleading impression given by your piece. While it's true that Carter was twice tried and convicted for a triple murder and spent 18 years in prison, you fail to mention that he not only steadfastly and consistently maintained his innocence, but was ultimately proved to be innocent.

Carter's conviction was overturned in 1985 by a federal court that called his unjust incarceration "a travesty." Ruling that the verdict, which aborted a thriving ring career, had been based on "racism rather than reason, and concealment [of exonerating evidence] rather than disclosure," the court ordered Carter's immediate release. Its ruling was upheld all the way to the United States Supreme Court. The 22-year-long ordeal ended in 1988, when all charges against Carter were finally dismissed.

We urge you to bring this information to your readers' attention. Surely the greatest victory of Carter's lifetime—and one of boxing's rare courtroom triumphs—deserves to be clearly acknowledged, if not celebrated, by *The Ring.*

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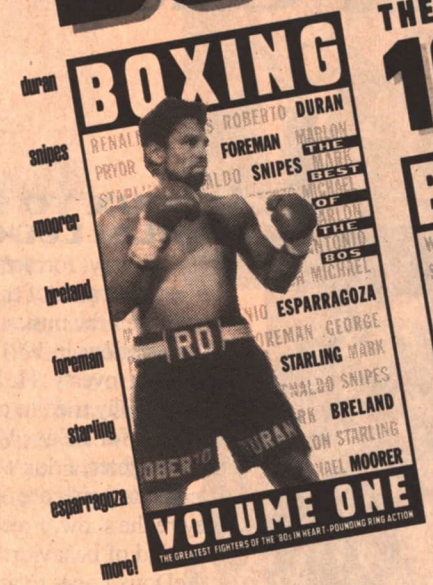

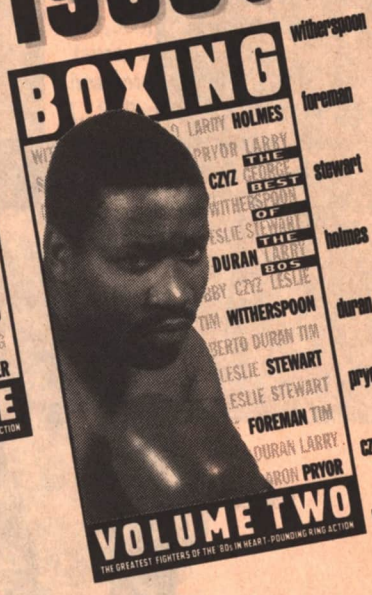

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LeDOUX TO ROUND CARD GIRLS: LeDON'T

Scott LeDoux

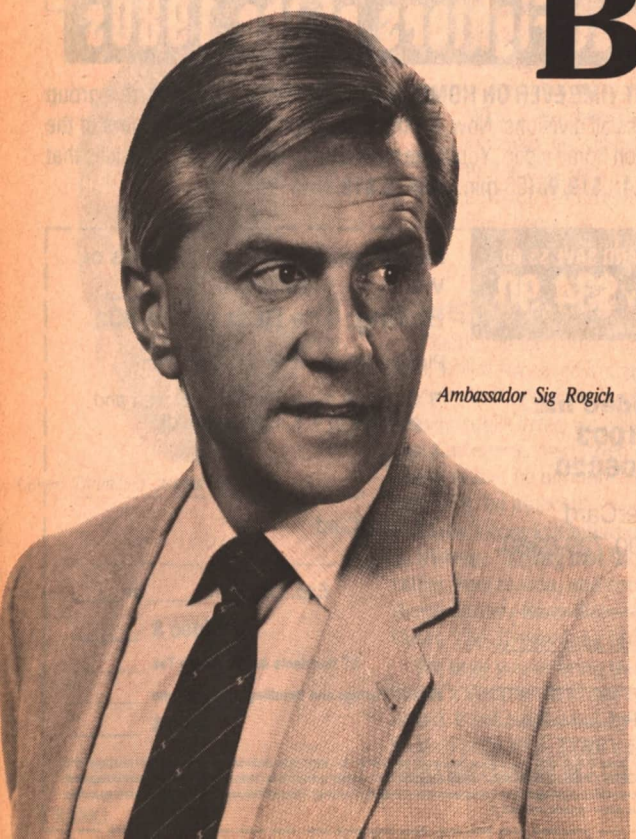
In January, former heavyweight contender Scott LeDoux was named chairman of the Minnesota State Boxing Commission. Minnesota isn't the busiest boxing state in the country—there were only 18 promotions in 1991. LeDoux, however, managed to create an instant controversy. He has a problem, you see, with round card girls.

"I initially tried to get rid of them," said LeDoux, who works as a salesman for Bekins Van Lines. "But I couldn't do it. As the father of a daughter, I don't like women to be exploited in that manner. Round card girls are okay if they do their job. But some think they're the show. Freedom of expression is a sort of umbrella for that kind of behavior."

LeDoux hopes to at least convince promoters that round card girls should be properly dressed. We presume his intention isn't to keep them warm during those cold Minnesota winters.

—Steve Farhood

BOXING AND POLITICS



Ambassador Sig Rogich

When Sig Rogich was recently appointed U.S. Ambassador to Iceland by President Bush, he crossed his fingers and hoped for cable television. Rogich, who served as chairman of the Nevada State Athletic Commission from 1980 to 1987, doesn't want to miss too much fight action.

"I'd go to a boxing match at the drop of a hat," he said.

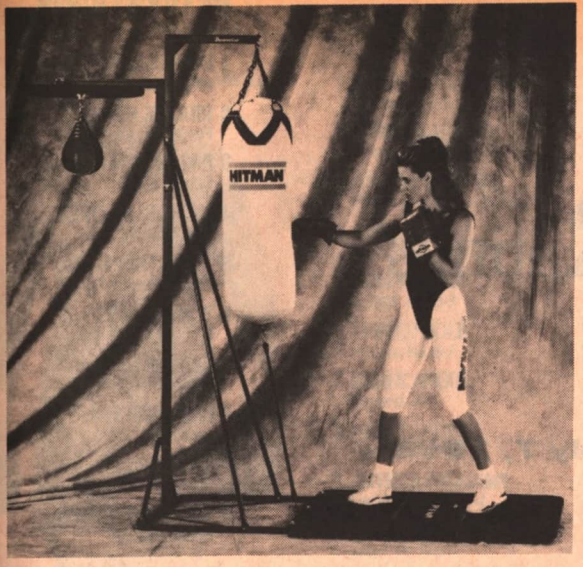
A former assistant to the President, Rogich, 47, directed Bush's 1988 presidential campaign. Before that, he was an influential boxing administrator. During his tenure as chairman in Nevada, he changed the state scoring system from five-point to 10-point, mandated that boxers pay their promoters, instead of vice versa, required thicker cushioning under ring mats, and eliminated the use of gloves with top stitching, which caused many injuries.

Familiar with the politics of boxing, as well as the politics of politics, Rogich is not in favor of a federal boxing commission.

"I don't feel that the government wants to get involved in the governing of sports," he said. "The government has a right to see that corruption is handled justly, and on the up and up. I did not find a lot of corruption. As long as you have people of integrity and a strong attorney general and local entities, you can administer and oversee [at the state level]."

Ambassador Rogich's term in Iceland is for two years. He is contemplating running for governor of Nevada in 1994. After that? Maybe he'll become the first President to have checked the ropes before a fight card.

—Arlene Schulman



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IN SEARCH OF

A 19-year-old boxer on the threshold of a world title fight is filled with dreams of fame and fortune. And while Morris East most certainly would enjoy the trappings that enshroud a world champion, he hopes that newfound status might help him in the search for his father, who deserted his family in 1972.

As we went to press, WBA junior welterweight champion Akinobu Hiranaka was scheduled to defend against East. A victory for the challenger would mean far more than a crown and a sizable purse; it would mean exposure for the Filipino, who wants to make a name for himself in the United States. For it is here, he believes, that he'll find his father, John East, who was an American sailor serving at Subic Bay Naval Base in the Philippines. The year East was born, his father was transferred—and never heard from again.

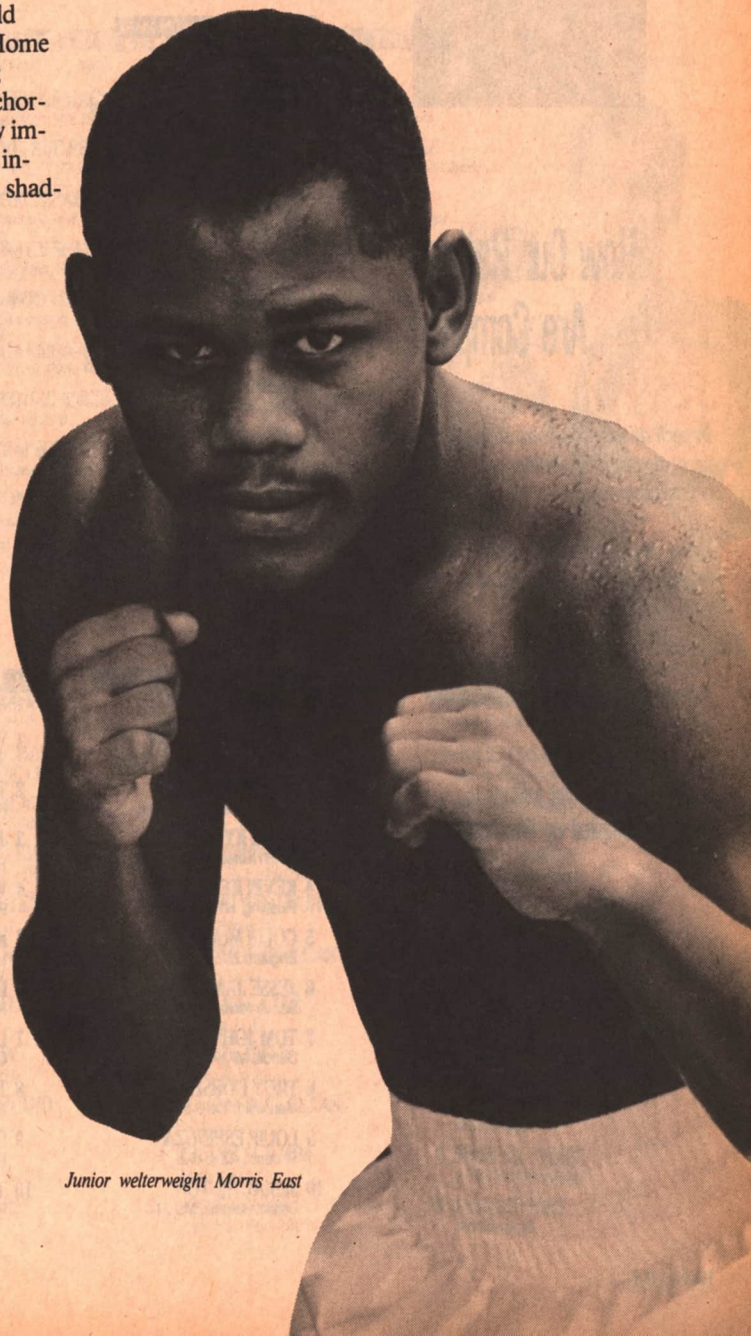
"I want to see him," said East, who is 14-2 (9), and rated sixth by the WBC and WBA. "I want to ask him why he left us, why he separated from my mother. I have no feelings of bitterness. I don't hate him. After all, he is my father."

—Joseph C. Tintle

OUTSIDE THE ROPES

Ramon Velasquez

Ramon Velasquez, the founder of the WBC, died in Mexico City at age 96. Velasquez served as the organization's president from 1971 to 1975 . . . At a public auction in San Francisco, boxing memorabilia brought in record prices. Some of the numbers: the original boxing glove, patented in 1879—$38,500; the gloves worn by James J. Corbett in his 1892 heavyweight title fight vs. John L. Sullivan—$41,250; the robe worn by heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano for his 1955 defense vs. Don Cockell—$29,700. ■



Junior welterweight Morris East

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For Period Ended July 7, 1992

How Our Ratings Are Compiled

In each division, fighters are ranked according to their abilities and accomplishments.

Being champion does not necessarily mean a fighter will be rated at the top of his weight class.

These ratings reflect how the best fighters in the world rate against one another.

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1 EVANDER HOLYFIELD
Atlanta, GA *28-0 (World Champ)*

2 RIDDICK BOWE
Fort Washington, MD *30-0*

3 RAZOR RUDDOCK
Canada *27-3-1*

4 MICHAEL MOORER
Detroit, MI *29-0*

5 TIM WITHERSPOON
Philadelphia, PA *37-3*

6 TONY TUCKER
Beverly Hills, CA *45-1*

7 GEORGE FOREMAN
Marshall, TX *71-3*

8 LENNOX LEWIS
England *20-0*

9 RAY MERCER
Newark, NJ *18-1*

10 TOMMY MORRISON
Mariam, KS *33-1*

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 160 pounds

1 JULIAN JACKSON
Virgin Islands *44-1 (WBC Champ)*

2 JAMES TONEY
Ann Arbor, MI *31-0-2 (IBF Champ)*

3 MIKE McCALLUM
Brooklyn, NY *43-1-1*

4 SUMBU KALAMBAY
Italy *54-5-1*

5 ROY JONES
Pensacola, FL *18-0*

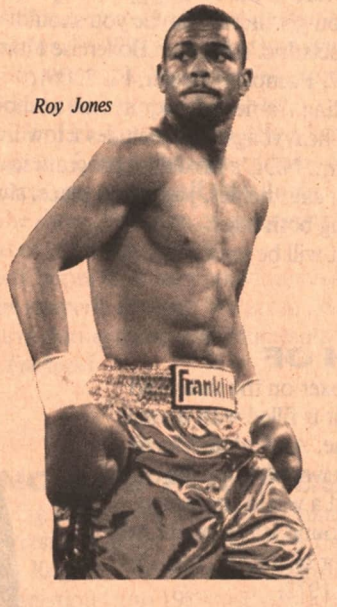
6 REGGIE JOHNSON
Houston, TX *31-2-1 (WBA Champ)*

7 LAMAR PARKS
Greeneville, SC *22-0*

8 GERALD McCLELLAN
Detroit, MI *25-2*

9 BERNARD HOPKINS
Philadelphia, PA *18-1*

10 STEVE COLLINS
Brockton, MA *21-2*



Roy Jones

JR. MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 154 pounds

1 TERRY NORRIS
Mission Valley, CA *32-3 (WBC Cham*

2 GIANFRANCO ROSI
Italy *55-3 (IBF Champ)*

3 VINNY PAZIENZA
Cranston, RI *31-5 (WBA Champ)*

4 JOHN DAVID JACKSON
Seattle, WA *25-0*

5 VERNO PHILLIPS
New York, NY *17-5*

6 JULIO CESAR VASQUEZ
Argentina *35-1*

7 GILBERT DELE
France *33-1-1*

8 CARL DANIELS
St. Louis, MO *27-1*

9 AARON DAVIS
Bronx, NY *33-1*

10 SIMON BROWN
Germantown, MD *35-2*

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 126 pounds

1 PAUL HODKINSON
England *20-1-1 (WBC Champ)*

2 MANUEL MEDINA
Mexico *41-3 (IBF Champ)*

3 YUNG KYUN PARK
South Korea *21-1-1 (WBA Champ)*

4 KEVIN KELLEY
Flushing, NY *29-0*

5 COLIN McMILLAN
England *23-1*

6 JESSE JAMES LEIJA
San Antonio, TX *22-0-1*

7 TOM JOHNSON
Detroit, MI *29-2-1*

8 TROY DORSEY
Mansfield, TX *13-5-4*

9 LOUIE ESPINOZA
Phoenix, AZ *45-5-2*

10 JEMAL HINTON
District Heights, MD *21-0*

JR. FEATHERWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 122 pounds

1 WELCOME NCITA
South Africa *31-0 (IBF Champ)*

2 TRACY PATTERSON
Highland, NY *45-2 (WBC Champ)*

3 JESSE BENAVIDES
Corpus Christi, TX *35-1-1*

4 WILFREDO VASQUEZ
Puerto Rico *33-6-3 (WBA Champ)*

5 KENNEDY McKINNEY
Las Vegas, NV *21-0-1*

6 RUDY ZAVALA
Rosemead, CA *17-0-1*

7 LUIS MENDOZA
Colombia *32-3-2*

8 THIERRY JACOB
France *38-4*

9 DANIEL ZARAGOZA
Mexico *44-6-1*

10 JULIO GERVACIO
Puerto Rico *22-3-2*

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 118 pounds

1 ORLANDO CANIZALES
Laredo, TX *31-1-1 (IBF Champ)*

2 EDDIE COOK
Las Vegas, NV *17-1 (WBA Champ)*

3 JOICHIRO TATSUYOSHI
Japan *7-0-1*

4 JUNIOR JONES
Brooklyn, NY *23-0*

5 VICTOR RABANALES
Mexico *31-10-2 (WBC Champ)*

6 CECILIO ESPINO
Los Angeles, CA *23-2*

7 ISRAEL CONTRERAS
Venezuela *35-3-1*

8 ELIECER JULIO
Colombia *20-0*

9 JAVIER LEON
Mexico *37-4-2*

10 RAFAEL DEL VALLE
Puerto Rico *13-0*

Tommy Morrison

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 195 pounds

1 **BOBBY CZYZ**
Montgomery, NJ *40-5 (WBA Champ)*

2 **JAMES WARRING**
Miami, FL *14-1 (IBF Champ)*

3 **ANACLET WAMBA**
France *35-2 (WBC Champ)*

4 **JEFF LAMPKIN**
Youngstown, OH *36-13-1*

5 **ORLIN NORRIS**
Campo, CA *33-3*

6 **ALFRED COLE**
Newark, NJ *20-1*

7 **DEREK ANGOL**
England *26-0*

8 **AKIM TAFER**
France *14-3*

9 **ARTHUR WILLIAMS**
Las Vegas, NV *16-1-1*

10 **ROBERT DANIELS**
Miami, FL *19-2-1*

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 175 pounds

1 **PRINCE CHARLES WILLIAMS**
Mansfield, OH *32-4-2 (IBF Champ)*

2 **THOMAS HEARNS**
Detroit, MI *50-4-1*

3 **VIRGIL HILL**
Bismarck, ND *32-1*

4 **FRANK TATE**
Houston, TX *31-2*

5 **JEFF HARDING**
Australia *22-1 (WBC Champ)*

6 **LEEONZER BARBER**
Detroit, MI *15-1*

7 **HENRY MASKE**
Germany *16-0*

8 **GUY WATERS**
Australia *14-2-1*

9 **SAUL MONTANA**
Mexico *17-2*

10 **TIM HILLIE**
Washington, D.C. *15-0*

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Weight Limit: 168 pounds

1 **IRAN BARKLEY**
Bronx, NY *29-7 (IBF Champ)*

2 **VICTOR CORDOBA**
N. Ireland *16-2 (WBA Champ)*

3 **MICHAEL NUNN**
Davenport, IA *37-1*

4 **CHRIS EUBANK**
England *32-0*

5 **MAURO GALVANO**
Italy *20-1-2 (WBC Champ)*

6 **NIGEL BENN**
England *32-2*

7 **TIM LITTLES**
Flint, MI *18-0*

8 **DARRIN VAN HORN**
Lexington, KY *48-3*

9 **TONY THORNTON**
Glassboro, NJ *29-4-1*

10 **MERQUI SOSA**
New York, NY *19-2-1*

WELTERWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 147 pounds

1 **BUDDY McGIRT**
Hauppauge, NY *56-2-1 (WBC Champ)*

2 **MELDRICK TAYLOR**
Cheltenham, PA *29-2-1 (WBA Champ)*

3 **MAURICE BLOCKER**
Germantown, MD *33-2 (IBF Champ)*

4 **GENARO LEON**
Mexico *41-2-2*

5 **GLENWOOD BROWN**
Plainfield, NJ *36-3*

6 **YORI BOY CAMPAS**
Mexico *41-0*

7 **PAT BARRETT**
England *32-1-1*

8 **CRISANTO ESPANA**
N. Ireland *26-0*

9 **SANTOS CARDONA**
Puerto Rico *23-3*

10 **DAVID GONZALEZ**
San Jose, CA *29-1-1*

JR. WELTERWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 140 pounds

1 **JULIO CESAR CHAVEZ**
Mexico *80-0 (WBC Champ)*

2 **PERNELL WHITAKER**
Norfolk, VA *29-1*

3 **RAFAEL PINEDA**
Colombia *28-1 (IBF Champ)*

4 **AKINOBU HIRANAKA**
Japan *20-1 (WBA Champ)*

5 **TERRENCE ALLI**
Linden, NJ *50-7-2*

6 **CHARLES MURRAY**
Newark, NJ *24-1*

7 **HECTOR CAMACHO**
Big Cypress, FL *39-1*

8 **GREG HAUGEN**
Henderson, NV *30-4-1*

9 **CARLOS GONZALEZ**
Mexico *32-0*

10 **VINCENT PHILLIPS**
Las Vegas, NV *25-0*

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 135 pounds

1 **JOEY GAMACHE**
Lewiston, ME *28-0 (WBA Champ)*

2 **FREDDIE PENDLETON**
Miami, FL *32-17-3*

3 **JORGE PAEZ**
Mexico *41-4-4*

4 **TRACY SPANN**
Plainfield, NJ *27-1*

5 **DARRYLL TYSON**
Washington, D.C. *39-4*

6 **SHARMBA MITCHELL**
Takoma Park, MD *28-0*

7 **MIGUEL ANGEL GONZALEZ**
Mexico *28-0*

8 **FRANKIE MITCHELL**
Philadelphia, PA *29-1*

9 **TONY LOPEZ**
Sacramento, CA *40-3-1*

10 **JEAN-BAPTISTE MENDY**
France *40-4-2*

JR. LIGHTWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 130 pounds

1 **AZUMAH NELSON**
Ghana *34-2-1 (WBC Champ)*

2 **GENARO HERNANDEZ**
Los Angeles, CA *25-0 (WBA Champ)*

3 **JOHN-JOHN MOLINA**
Puerto Rico *26-3 (IBF Champ)*

4 **JEFF FENECH**
Australia *26-1-1*

5 **BERNARD TAYLOR**
Knoxville, TN *44-2-2*

6 **GABE RUELAS**
Arleta, CA *31-1*

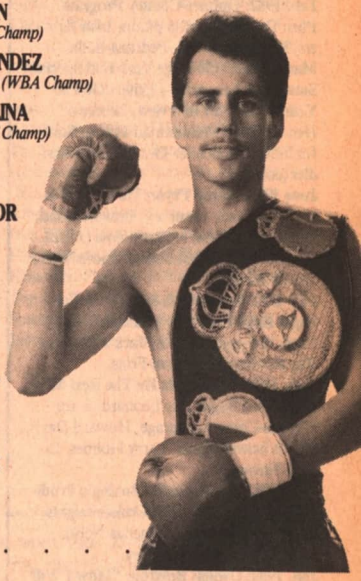
7 **CALVIN GROVE**
Philadelphia, PA *41-4*

8 **REGILIO TUUR**
Whitestone, NY *29-2-1*

9 **JORGE RAMIREZ**
Mexico *62-7-3*

10 **YUJI WATANABE**
Japan *9-0*

Genaro Hernandez



JR. BANTAMWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 115 pounds

1 **SUNG KIL MOON**
South Korea *17-1 (WBC Champ)*

2 **ROBERT QUIROGA**
San Antonio, TX *19-0 (IBF Champ)*

3 **KATSUYA ONIZUKA**
Japan *18-0 (WBA Champ)*

4 **THALERNGSAK SITHBAOBAY**
Thailand *37-3*

5 **ARMANDO CASTRO**
Mexico *47-8-1*

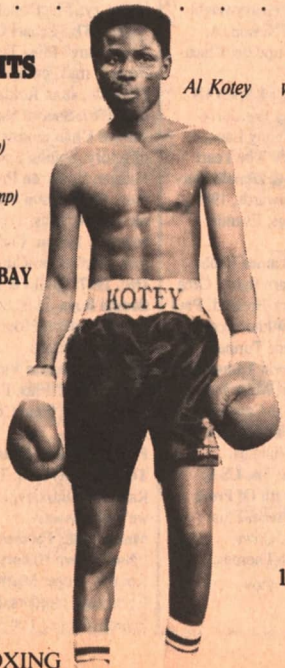
6 **GREG RICHARDSON**
Youngstown, OH *29-4*

7 **VINCENZO BELCASTRO**
Italy *22-5-3*

8 **JOSE QUIRINO**
Mexico *28-6*

9 **GERRY PENALOSA**
Philippines *20-0-1*

10 **JOSE RUIZ**
Puerto Rico *22-2*



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FLYWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 112 pounds

1 **YURI ARBACHAKOV**
Japan *13-0 (WBC Champ)*

2 **RODOLFO BLANCO**
Colombia *26-6-1 (IBF Champ)*

3 **YONG KANG KIM**
South Korea *25-3 (WBA Champ)*

4 **DAVE McAULEY**
N. Ireland *18-3-2*

5 **SCOTTY OLSON**
Las Vegas, NV *23-0*

6 **MUANGCHAI KITTIKASEM**
Thailand *18-2*

7 **YUN UN CHIN**
South Korea *26-0*

8 **YSAIAS ZAMUDIO**
Blythe, CA *29-3-1*

9 **AL KOTEY**
Philadelphia, PA *15-0*

10 **PAT CLINTON**
Scotland *19-1*

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 108 pounds

1 **HIROKI IOKA**
Japan *21-2-1 (WBA Champ)*

2 **MICHAEL CARBAJAL**
Phoenix, AZ *23-0 (IBF Champ)*

3 **HUMBERTO GONZALEZ**
Mexico *33-1 (WBC Champ)*

4 **MYUNG WOO YUH**
South Korea *36-1*

5 **MELCHOR COB CASTRO**
Mexico *33-3-3*

6 **LEON SALAZAR**
Panama *15-3-1*

7 **JOSE DeJESUS**
Puerto Rico *26-2-1*

8 **ROBINSON CUESTAS**
Panama *22-0*

9 **KWANG SUN KIM**
South Korea *5-1*

10 **DOMINGO SOSA**
Dominican Republic *17-1*

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Boxing's 10 Best Fighters, Pound For Pound

1 **JULIO CESAR CHAVEZ**
Junior Welterweight

2 **PERNELL WHITAKER**
Junior Welterweight

3 **TERRY NORRIS**
Junior Middleweight

4 **EVANDER HOLYFIELD**
Heavyweight

5 **ORLANDO CANIZALES**
Bantamweight

6 **BUDDY McGIRT**
Welterweight

7 **AZUMAH NELSON**
Junior Lightweight

8 **JULIAN JACKSON**
Middleweight

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Junior Bantamweight

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Middleweight

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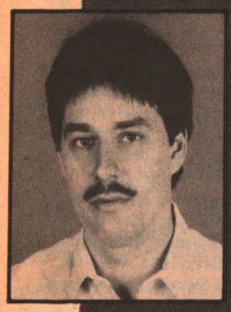

Ryan Out Loud

By Jeff Ryan

BE TRUE TO YOUR SCHOOL

School days, school days, dear old Marquis of Queensberry rule days. Summer vacation is almost over, and it's time to return to The School of Hard Knocks, the place we sweet scientists are sent when somebody wants to learn us a thing or two. You've seen it, the red brick building on the corner of Queer Street and Mills Lane. The only school where the attendance is padded by Bob Arum. Just when you thought that higher education couldn't get any lower . . .

Last year, I hated the place. For one thing, there's too many dumb rules. Like, if there's no Smokin' allowed in the boy's room, what is Bert Cooper supposed to do, hold it in all day? For another thing, if you hang with the wrong crowd, you get in trouble fast. I took the bus with Anthony Hembrick all year, and you know what it got me? A hundred tardy slips and a school day that always started with lunch period.

Those who sign up for Prof. James Toney's Home Economics class must be prepared for a bell-to-bell food fight.

Beverly Hills 90210 it ain't. Too many strange characters here. The school nurse, Mary Tyler Moorer, is tall and leggy, but a real sadist. She gets her jollys pulling Band-Aids off of hairy arms, then laughing hysterically when she hears someone hollering in pain. And, get this, we've got *three* track coaches: Mr. Nunn, Mr. Hill, and Mr. Camacho. Each one swears he knows more about running than the other two. And then there's the school tramp, "Flirty" Pacheco. She's pretty as a peacock, but don't ever take her out on a date. She just *never* shuts up.

Yesterday, I got my new class schedule in the mail. Let's just say that this year promises to be an experience:

First Period: **Geography, Prof. Brian Mitchell:** This Mitchell dude has worked in South Africa, Puerto Rico, Panama, France, Italy, England, and the U.S. Now *those* are job qualifications.

I cheated off of Tony Lopez on the final exam last year and ended up with an F and a note telling me that I have to repeat this class. We had this deal: I'd introduce Tony to the head cheerleader if he let me look at his paper. Well, the first brainteaser was, "Name the capital of California," and when he wrote down "Sacramento" right away, I figured we had it made. Who knew that he'd get stumped on the next 49 questions?

One real toughie was, "For what is Iran best known?" Tony wrote, "Three titles and some really nasty-looking eyebrows."

Tony and I should try to map out an escape route from this class. Then again, maybe I shouldn't let him map out anything.

Second Period: **Spelling, Prof. Bobby Czyz:** This guy is really personable, but I heard that his tests are filled with trick questions like, "Choose the correct spelling: matinee *idle* or matinee *idol.*" Last year, three kids got in trouble because they couldn't spell his name. They didn't believe that a "z," a "y," and a "z" could go together.

Nothing to fear here, though. Some kid broke into Czyz' desk and stole the answers to the first pop quiz of the year, the one on Thai boxers' names. *Pssst.* Are you alone? All right, the answer to the bonus question is "P-h-i-c-h-i-t S-i-t-h-b-a-n-g-p-r-a-c-h-a-n."

Yeah, that's a tough one because the "g" is silent.

Third Period: **Wood shop, Prof. George Foreman:** This guy got the job because he likes to chop wood in his backyard, but I heard that he doesn't know what he's doing. There's a rumor that last year he told one class that he was going to bring in "two Buzzsaws and a Hammer and Nails," and in walked Mustafa Hamsho, Dwight Qawi, Juan Roldan, and Lenny Dykstra. Then some kid asked him about a vise grip and he said, "I think that has something to do with the cops putting the squeeze on Tyson in Indiana." Some other kid asked him who the world's greatest carpenter was. You know what Mr. Foreman told him? "Karen."

Fourth Period: **Home economics, Prof. James Toney:** This guy knows what he's doing because he worked in his mother's bakery for years. He is, however, a bit high-strung. Cross him and he'll knock you on your buns. He once hit a kid who said, "What do you think of this cupcake?" because he thought he was being asked, "What do you think of this, Cupcake?"

They call Mr. Toney the Pillsbury Doughboy because he's starting to make a lot of money when he moonlights as a fighter. To show you how stupid the school administration is, they told him that he'd make a great substitute history teacher, especially since he experienced firsthand the 1960s hippie culture. What idiots. Toney had to explain to them, "No, I said I was a *f-l-o-u-r* child."

Algebra Prof. Don King with one of his star pupils, Donald Trump. A proponent of "newer new math," King can make magic with numbers, especially when they're preceded by dollar signs.

Fifth Period: **LUNCHTIME!**

Sixth Period: **Algebra, Prof. Don King:** Everyone who had King last year said he was absolutely incredible. He teaches this thing called newer new math, and he's a wiz at subtraction. And he puts it all in easy-to-understand terms: "If Timmy has a $1-million payday, and his boss takes away $930,000 for expenses, how much does Timmy have left?"

I don't know how he did it, but Mr. King once walked through the school cafeteria line and bought a turkey sandwich, an apple, two cartons of milk, and a Twinkie. When he was done fast-talking the cashier, she ended up giving *him* $4.95.

Seventh Period: **Driver's Education, Prof. Leon Spinks:** A couple of kids walked into this class, heard the teacher introduce himself, read the roll, and explain the course requirements, and they thought they were in Foreign Language 101. Then Mr. Spinks put in his false teeth.

The highlight of this class is when Mr. Spinks tries to scare you into driving safely by showing you films of what Joey Gamache, Vinny Pazienza, and Al Cole have done to their cars.

Eighth Period: **Sex Education, Prof. Joey Gamache:** Ask Mr. Gamache about safe sex and he'll tell you that he's never had it in a safe, but he once spent some time with a cute bank teller in the safe-deposit vault during her lunch hour. For kicks, he once told the class it was going to see a film on screwing and then showed them Roy Jones losing a decision in the Olympics.

Real sense of humor, this guy.

Ninth Period: **Creative Writing, Prof. Steve Farhood:** Proof that the teaching profession just isn't what it used to be. Well, Professor, now that you've read my first assignment of the new school year, what do you think? "A" material? Or immaterial? Shows promise? Or should I promise not to show it?

Watch what you say, or the next apple I bring you might taste a little funny. ■

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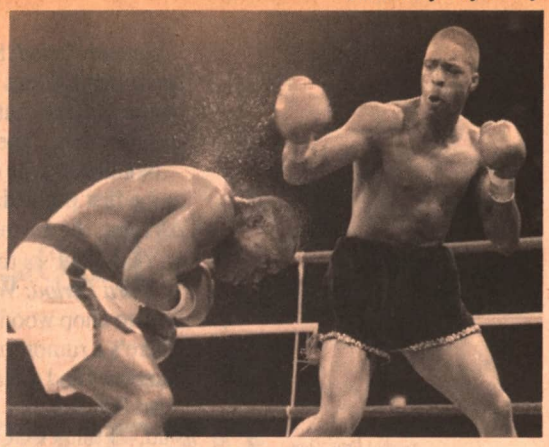

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Tim Hillie

Light Heavyweight

By John Scheinman

Hillie works against Booker Word

Tim Hillie showed no signs of his strutting, boasting, clowning self when he lifted the USBA light heavyweight title from Booker T. Word. Just the emotion of a man who had beaten improbable odds and finally put his life on track.

"I'd like to thank God for giving me the ability to do what I've accomplished," Hillie sobbed at the postfight press conference. "But most of all, I've done this for my mother, because I wouldn't be here without her. Because regardless of what people feel about me, she'd still believe I was her baby."

Even after his victory over Word in June, most fans haven't heard of the slick-boxing Hillie. But at fight cards in and around his hometown of Washington, D.C., the fighter nicknamed "Da Bama" (Southern slang for a country boy; Hillie was born in Rock Hill, South Carolina) rates second only to Ray Leonard in turning heads.

It starts with a murmur from a distant corner in the arena, and soon everyone cranes for a look. Then comes the voice, a hoarse tenor vamping the old Ali line, "I'm a *baaad* man. I'm a *baad* man." Soon Da Bama is ringside, sporting a well-tailored three-piece suit and pork pie hat. He's talking, throwing punches, dancing. The two pugs in the ring might as well be duking it out on Pluto.

A couple of years ago, when promoter Don Elbaum was running monthly shows in Maryland, he pitted Hillie against Robert Folley. Folley didn't show for the press conference—not to mention the fight—but Bama more than made up for it.

Lathering himself into comic hysteria, a ranting Hillie produced a small doll—the Count from *Sesame Street*. He called it "Folley," and proceeded to rip off the limbs and toss them at the assembled media. He then threw down the torso and began to stomp on it. Elbaum didn't have to open his mouth.

"This is how I have to be," said Hillie, 28, celebrating his new-found status while sipping a cold Bull one weekday afternoon at the Impact Gym in northeast Washington. "My idol is Muhammad Ali. The man was a good promoter. He knew how to entertain people. When I go to the arena, of course I want to build up fans."

Hillie's hot. He's rated second by the IBF, and considered a good guy, too, but for a long stretch of his life, he was, literally, a *baaad* man.

Hillie's grandfather was a Methodist minister in Rock Hill, and the family was strong and respected. But his parents moved to Washington when Tim was two weeks old, and he grew up in a tough urban environment.

"When we were young, we would joyride when we would see a white person and they had money," said Hillie's childhood friend Kenneth Hardy-Bey, who suddenly reemerged after the Word fight. "We would make one drive us around."

When Hillie was 15 and Hardy-Bey 9, they kidnapped a man. They took his money, and terrorized him as they made him take them joyriding.

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1989

Jan. 25	Tim Taylor, Glen Burnie, MD	W 4
Oct. 14	Larry Prather, Roanoke, VA	W 4
Nov. 11	James Miller, Richmond, VA	W 4
Nov. 25	James Mullins, Richmond	KO 2

1990

Feb. 17	James Miller, Richmond	W 6
March 24	Richard Mason, Washington, D.C.	W 4
April 20	Dan Hardin, Richmond	KO 4
May 25	Bernard Littman, Richmond	KO 2
July 16	Ric Lainhart, Rockville, MD	KO 4
July 21	Calvin Simon, Washington, D.C.	NC 1
Sept. 25	Dean Moore, Rockville	W 8

1991

Jan. 16	Nestor Flores, Lanham, MD	W 6
March 30	Edwin Newby, Washington, D.C.	W 6
Nov. 2	Wayne McClanan, Roanoke	KO 2
Nov. 20	Earnest Perry, Yorktown, VA	KO 2

1992

June 20	Booker T. Word, Atlantic City (Wins USBA Light Heavyweight Title)	W 12

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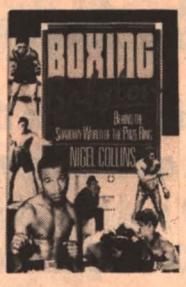

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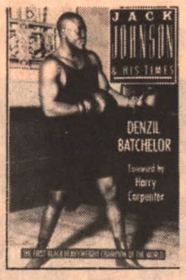

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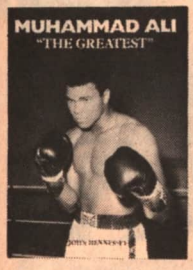

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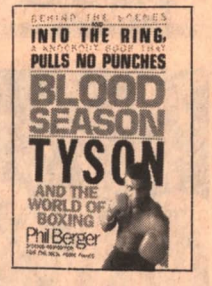

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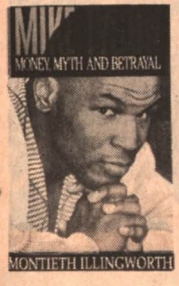

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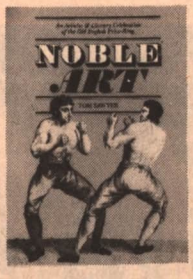

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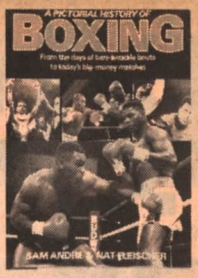

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PHOTO QUIZ Test Your Boxing IQ

Can you identify the fighters in these photos? Award yourself 10 points for each question you answer correctly. If you score a total of 90-100 points, consider yourself a world champion. If you score 70-80 points, you rate as a top-10 contender. If you score 50-60 points, you're a clubfighter at best. Less than 50 points? Eat another piece of cheesecake and forget about that morning roadwork.

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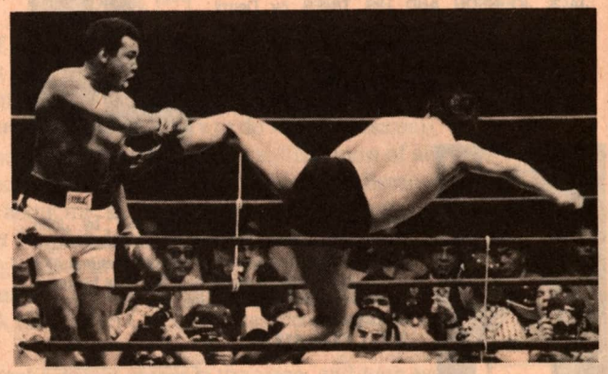
Our quiz wouldn't be complete without the obligatory Muhammad Ali-opponent photo. This heavyweight didn't have much of a jab, but what a dropkick!



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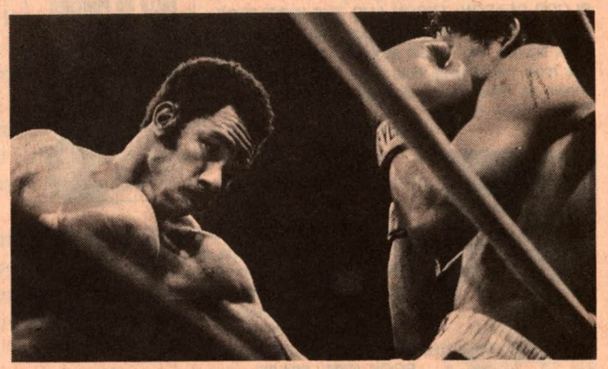
A low blow from this former world champion? Must be trick photography. Actually, he landed quite a few in this fight, a featherweight title defense against Juan LaPorte.



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This photo was taken in June 1983, before Roberto Duran-Davey Moore at Madison Square Garden. Name the world champions. We'll give you New York *Daily News* cartoonist and boxing writer Bill Gallo, standing second from the right. After that, you're on your own.

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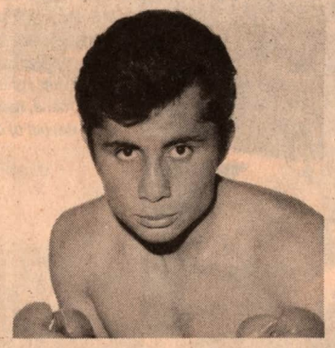
We started off tough this month, and we're only getting tougher. This bantie became a world champion in the '70s, when the division was dominated by Mexicans. He kept the crown until being kayoed by countryman Carlos Zarate.



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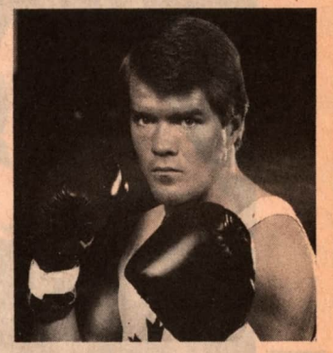
From our All That Glitters Dept.: Amateur success does not guarantee professional success. This 1984 Olympic medalist was a highly touted welterweight, but flopped as a pro.



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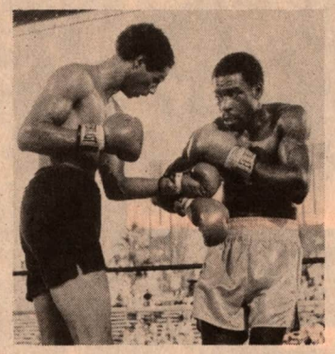
The middleweight on the right, Lindell Holmes, lost this fight, but, almost seven years later, went on to win a world title. Name his foe, a perennial contender who never secured a try at the title.



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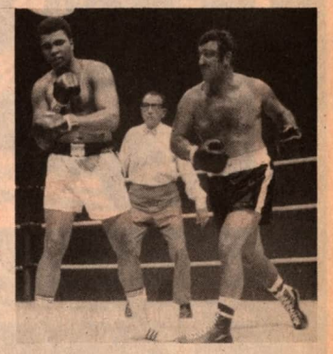
Remember the Ali-Marciano computer fight? We thought the highlight was The Rock's hairpiece. Anyway, 10 big bonus points if you can name the referee. Hint: You see his little brother working corners all the time.



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This Chicago lightweight was as tough as any fighter in his division. He was stopped in an August 1979 try vs. WBA champion Ernesto Espana.

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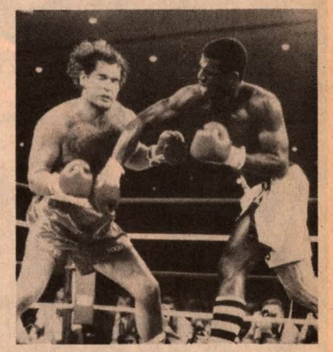
Ouch! Whenever Michael Spinks landed his "Spinks Jinx" right hand, his opponents shook, rattled, and rolled. In September 1986, this overmatched heavyweight lasted only four rounds.



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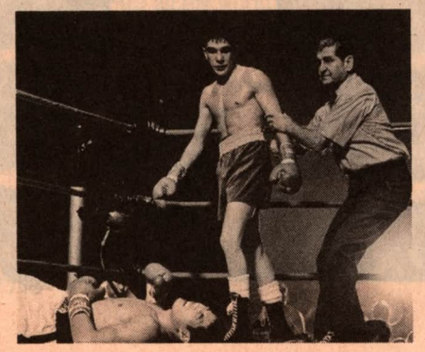
Flat on the floor is former junior lightweight champion Yoshiaki Numata. Still standing is the world lightweight king. A native Californian, he reigned in the late-'60s and early-'70s.

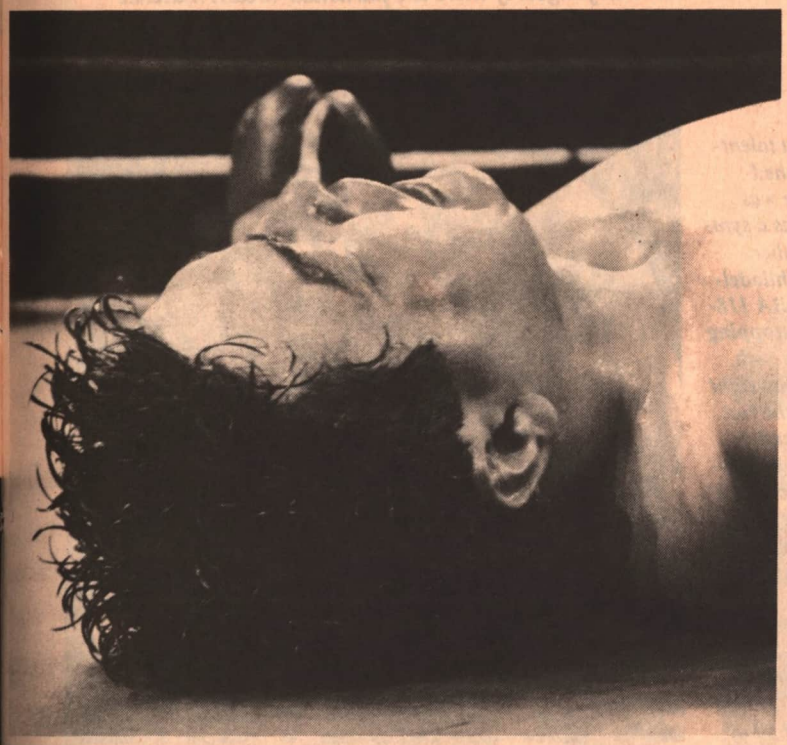


ANSWERS:

1) Antonio Inoki; 2) Eusebio Pedroza; 3) From left: Donald Curry, Saoul Mamby, Eusebio Pedroza, Ray Mancini, Marvin Hagler; 4) Rodolfo Martinez; 5) Shawn O'Sullivan; 6) Dwight Davison; 7) Chris Dundee; 8) Johnny Lira; 9) Steffen Tangstad; 10) Mando Ramos

When Hipp went down in round five, Morrison seemed en route to another crushing kayo victory. By the last minute of the round, however, Hipp was out of danger.

Morrison dips to fire his heavy hook. After Hipp proved capable of absorbing his power shots, "The Duke" began to move and box.



Headed toward an upset victory, Hipp was felled by a right uppercut and a followup flurry in the ninth round. He beat referee Vic Drakulich's count, but the bout was nonetheless stopped.

Photos By Alan Rogers

Hipp Hipp Hooray

IS TOMMY MORRISON'S LATEST KAYO A REASON TO CHEER?

By Robert Cassidy

What a difference one punch can make.

It would have been quite easy to imagine Tommy Morrison's career coming to an abrupt end at Bally's Reno in June. After eight rounds with Joe Hipp, he looked for all the world like a beaten fighter. His jaw was broken and his face was lumpy and bloody. The Morrison myth was being hammered into oblivion.

A loss to Hipp may very well have driven Morrison back to the Tough-Man competitions in Oklahoma. With bloodlines connecting him to John Wayne, perhaps he would've spent the rest of his life making Grade B spaghetti westerns. The choices in boxing wouldn't have been much more appealing.

Sure, Morrison could have launched a comeback against Tim "Doc" Anderson, who's fresh off a convincing victory over Mark Gastineau. Better yet, he could have gone straight after Gastineau in a heavyweight crossroads fight.

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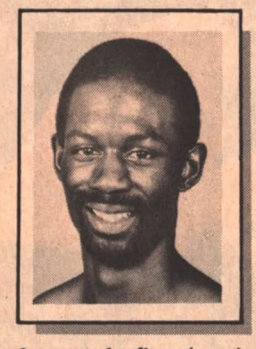
BATTLE OF THE LEGENDS

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Jeff Chandler

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Career: 1976-1984
33-2-2 with 18 kayos

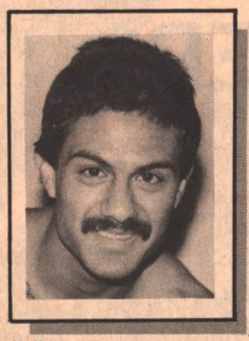


Chandler was a talented and accomplished champion, but he was most significant as a symbol. Until November 1980, when the Philadelphian won the WBA 118-pound crown by stopping Julian Solis in the 14th round, the bantamweight title belonged to the rest of the world. Chandler became the first American titlist since Manuel Ortiz, who reigned in the '40s. Moreover, he became a staple of network-televised boxing; his defenses were seen by millions of viewers, most of whom had previously been unfamiliar with the bantamweight class.

"Joltin' Jeff" made nine successful defenses, including victories over former champions Solis and Jorge Lujan, and future king Gaby Canizales. Standing 5'7" and possessing classic skills, as well as a dependable chin, he dominated almost all of his foes. In April 1984, he was dethroned by Richard Sandoval via 15th-round TKO. He never fought again.

Orlando Canizales

Laredo, Texas
Career: 1984-Present
31-1-1 with 24 kayos

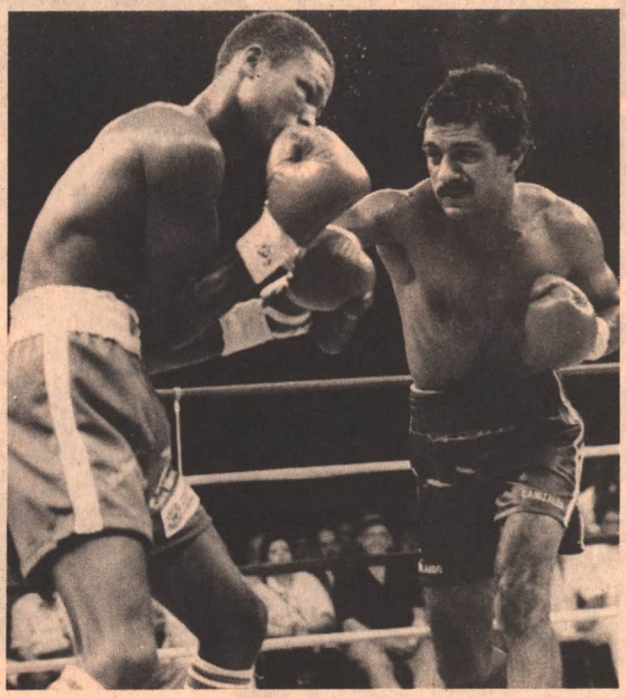


When Canizales lost a July 1986 flyweight bout to Olympic gold medalist Paul Gonzales, it seemed he'd never realize the success achieved by his older brother Gaby. But two years later, he was a world champion. And unlike Gaby, who lost his belt in defense number one, he's proven to be a long-term titlist.

In July 1988, Canizales won the IBF bantamweight crown by stopping Kelvin Seabrooks in the 15th round. He's since made nine defenses, though his opposition hasn't been particularly demanding. (Among his victims has been Gonzales, who lasted less than two rounds in June 1990.) He is an outstanding counterpuncher with above-average power. When forced to lead, he is somewhat less effective.

Canizales is included in most of today's top-10 pound-for-pound lists. Quiet and unassuming, he remains a low-profile champion. Given the talent available at 118 pounds, he could keep the title for years.

Fight fans will forever debate the merits of champions who never met in the ring. In "Battle Of The Legends," the editors of THE RING play matchmaker and pit two of the all-time greats against each other. Three experts serve as judges. If there are particular dream matches that you'd like to see featured, please write to us.

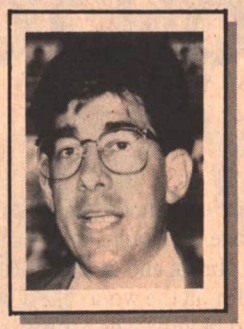


Canizales has twice beaten Kelvin Seabrooks in IBF title bouts. The Texan has been a consistent champion, having made nine defenses in four years.

ED BROPHY

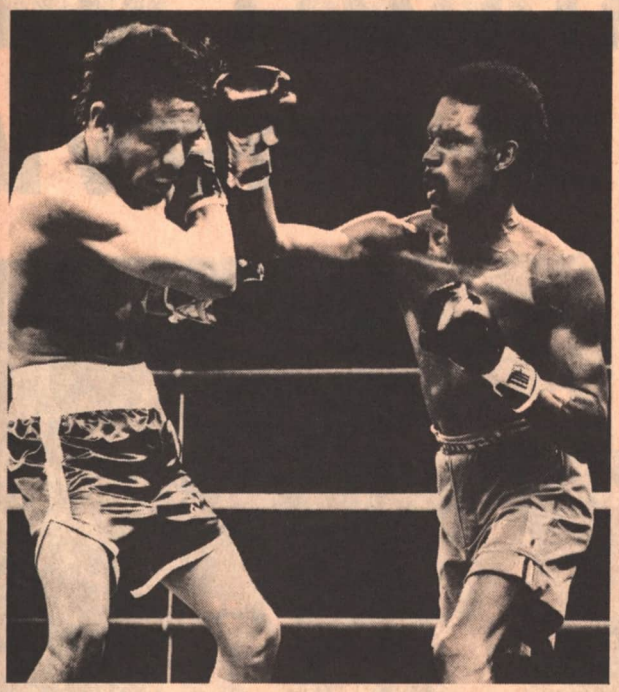
A Chandler-Canizales championship bout is an interesting matchup. Chandler was a natural bantamweight, and in his prime he fought and defeated all styles. He was a complete boxer who threw very sharp punches. His jab and right hand were both accurate.

Canizales is a skilled counterpuncher and looks impressive against fighters who come at him. He doesn't look as spectacular when he has to initiate the action. At this point in his career, Canizales has certainly not fought anyone comparable to Chandler.

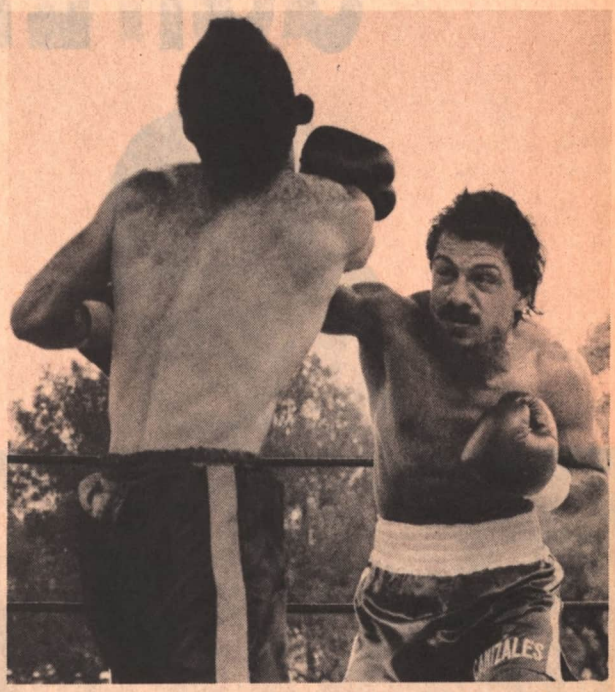


It would be a good fight from the beginning, with both men throwing and landing a lot of punches. Chandler would have the early edge; Canizales would have trouble getting past his jab. There would be a few changes in momentum, but they wouldn't last for long. I pick Chandler by unanimous decision. If Canizales' reign lasts a while longer, I may end up changing my mind. It would be interesting to match these two again after Canizales retires.

Ed Brophy is the executive director of the International Boxing Hall of Fame in Canastota, New York.



Punchers never troubled Chandler. His seventh defense, a unanimous 15-round points victory over Gaby Canizales, typified his dominant title reign.

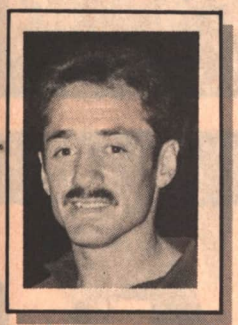


The sign of a good champion: Having struggled against Billy Hardy in their first title fight, Canizales scored an eighth-round kayo in the rematch.

ALBERT DAVILA

Oh, geez, this would be a great fight! I'd love to see it. Chandler was a big bantam. Because of his physical advantages, he was very confident. When he used those advantages, he was devastating. He was very accurate with his jab, had good power, and was very good on the inside.

Canizales is a great boxer. He moves well laterally, and he always gives his opponents angles. He has good power in both hands, and he attacks the head and body with equal abandon. He's a very clever boxer who can figure out an opponent's weaknesses and capitalize on them.



This would be an exciting fight from the start. Chandler would be the aggressor, while Canizales would counterpunch. Chandler would do well early, but as the fight would progress, Orlando would make him miss more and more, and nail him with hard counters. Canizales would take control in the middle rounds. He'd exploit Chandler's weaknesses, like Richie Sandoval did, and score a late-round kayo.

Albert Davila is a former WBC bantamweight champion. He currently works as a California-based trainer.

RICHARD SANDOVAL

With both men in their primes, this is would be a good fight. Chandler maximized his height advantage with a great jab. He'd pop the jab and then score with his right hand. That mixture, and an occasional right uppercut, left more than a few of his challengers unconscious.

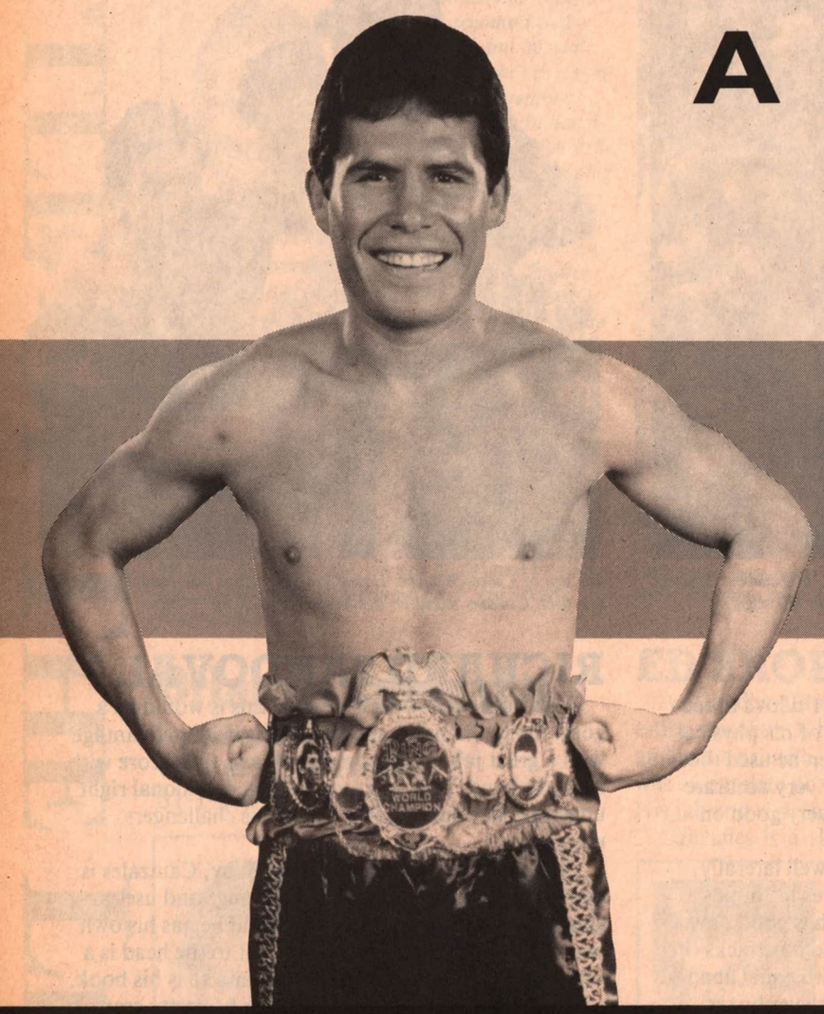
Unlike his rough-tough brother Gaby, Canizales is more of a technician. He finds the range and uses angles well. Canizales is very crafty, and he has his own style. His right to the head is a good punch, and so is his hook. You'd have to be pretty crafty to beat him.

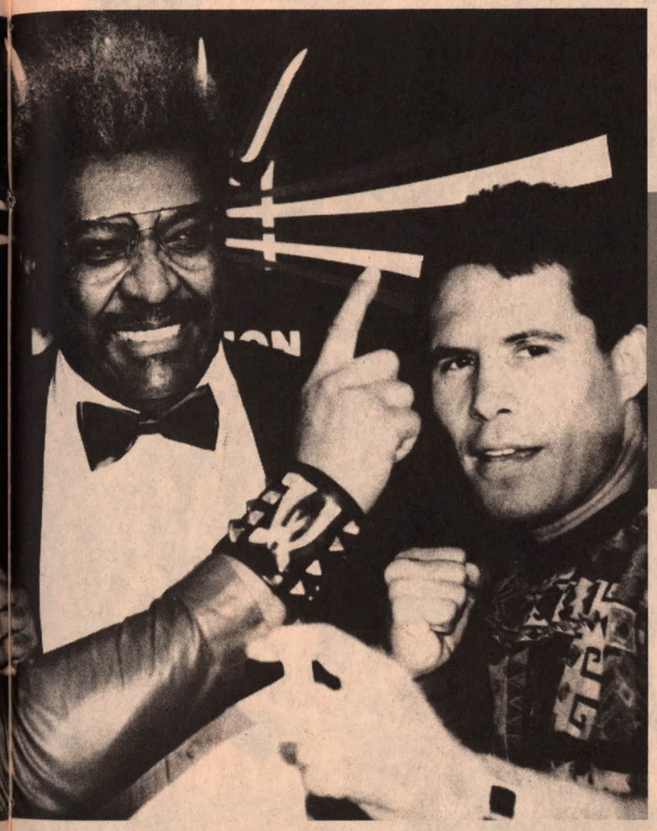
It would be a chess match in the early rounds; they'd be probing and popping each other, looking for openings. Canizales, with his craftiness and heavier punches, would start to pull away in the seventh round and score really big in the eighth. Chandler would pull out all the stops in round nine, but after he would shoot his load, Canizales would retake control. Chandler would do his best to hang in there, but I can't see him lasting more than 10 rounds.

Richard Sandoval won the WBA bantamweight title by stopping Chandler in 1984. He currently works as a trainer, guiding, among others, flyweight contender Scotty Olson. ■

SUPERFIGHT OR SUPER RIPOFF?

A PREVIEW OF THE





CHAVEZ-CAMACHO SHOWDOWN

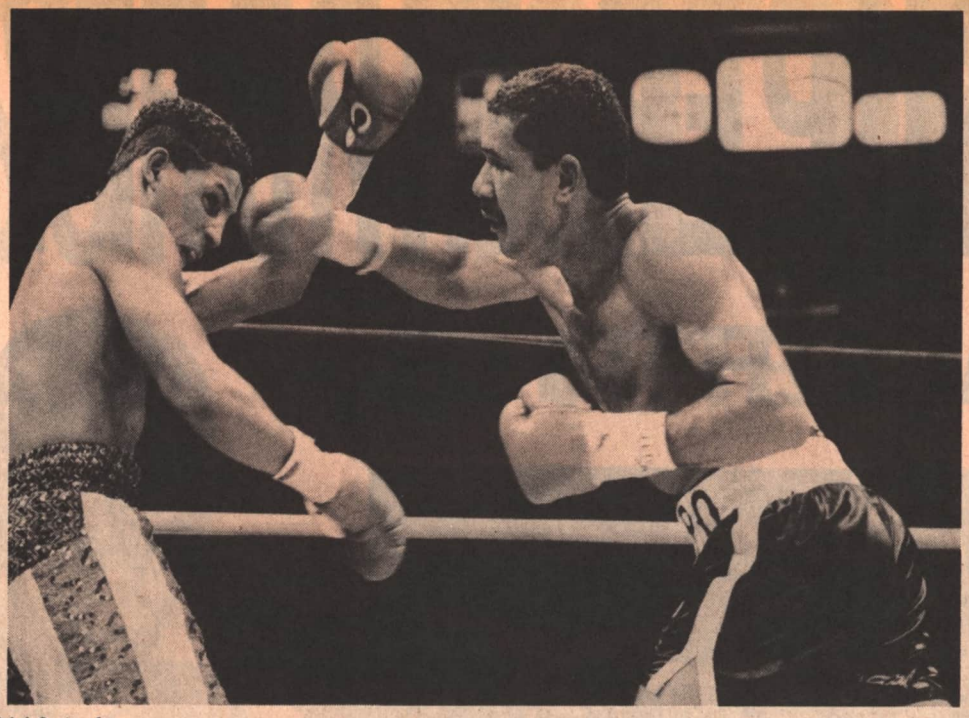
By Bernard Fernandez

One of the best fights of 1988 finally takes place on September 12, 1992, when Julio Cesar Chavez defends the WBC super lightweight title against Hector "Macho" Camacho at the Thomas and Mack Center in Las Vegas.

Too little, too late?

"For Camacho, it probably is," said veteran trainer and television analyst Gil Clancy. "Four years ago, when Camacho was hot, this would have been a lot more interesting and competitive fight than it is now. Chavez has maintained a high level of efficiency, but Camacho clearly has gone backward.

"I hear people say that Camacho's hit-and-run style is going to frustrate Chavez, but it didn't really frustrate



Defending the WBC lightweight title against Edwin Rosario in June 1986, Camacho barely survived a handful of scary moments and captured a controversial 12-round decision. Has he been gun-shy ever since?

[Greg] Haugen that much, did it? And Chavez is a lot better fighter than Haugen."

Not surprisingly, Don King, the fight's promoter, has quite a different opinion.

"A great fight is a great fight, whenever it's made," he said. "This fight didn't happen a few years ago. It's happening on September 12. So to me, that date is the best of all possible times for Julio and Camacho to get it on.

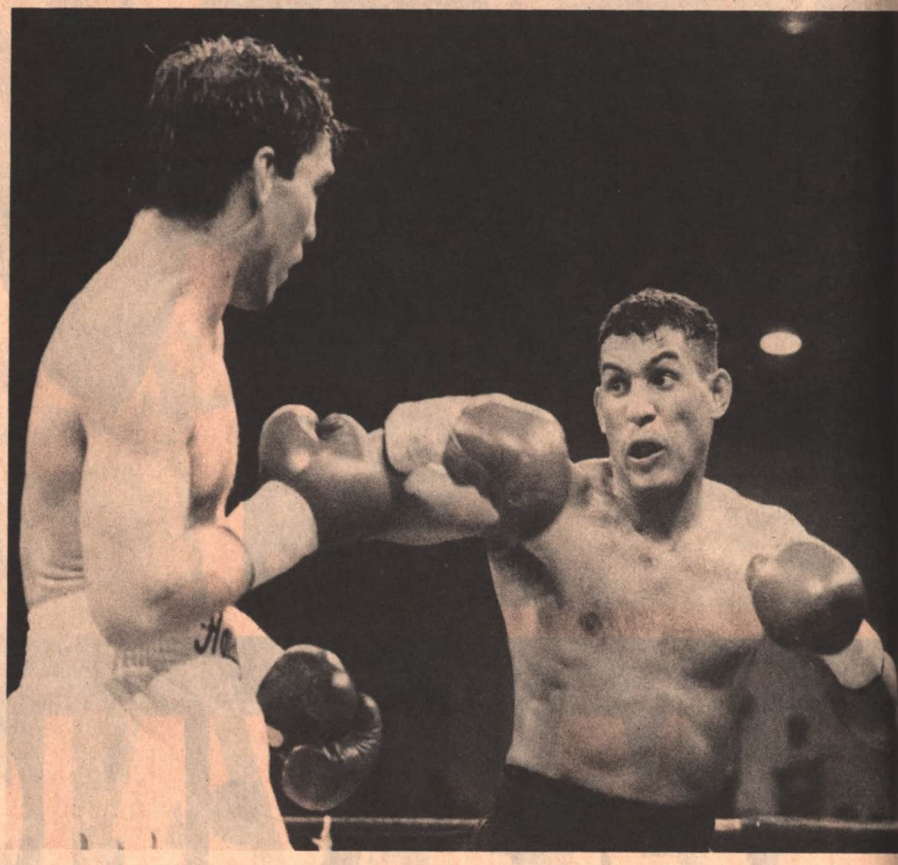
"No one is more cocky or more arrogant than Hector Camacho. I just laugh whenever anyone says that all Camacho does is run, that he doesn't come to fight. Oh, he'll fight, all right. He's screaming every day that he's going to beat Julio. He eats, breathes, and sleeps it."

Camacho, of course, screams about a lot of things. It's just that fewer and fewer people have been paying attention to the "Macho Man's" rantings.

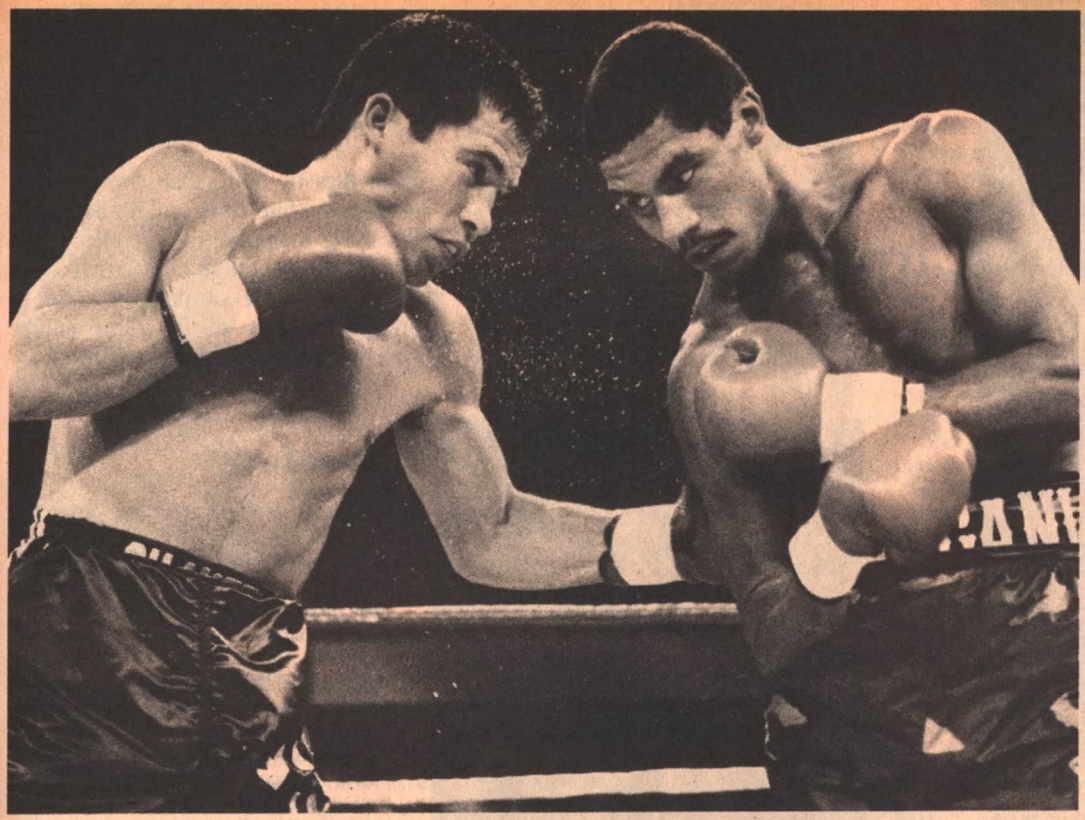
There are those who claim Camacho hasn't been the same since his controversial split decision victory over Edwin Rosario in 1986. Rosario hurt Camacho several times in that fight, and in the minds of many, deserved to win.

"Ever since Rosario, I think Hector's been afraid to get hit," said Haugen, who divided a pair of close decisions with Camacho in 1991.

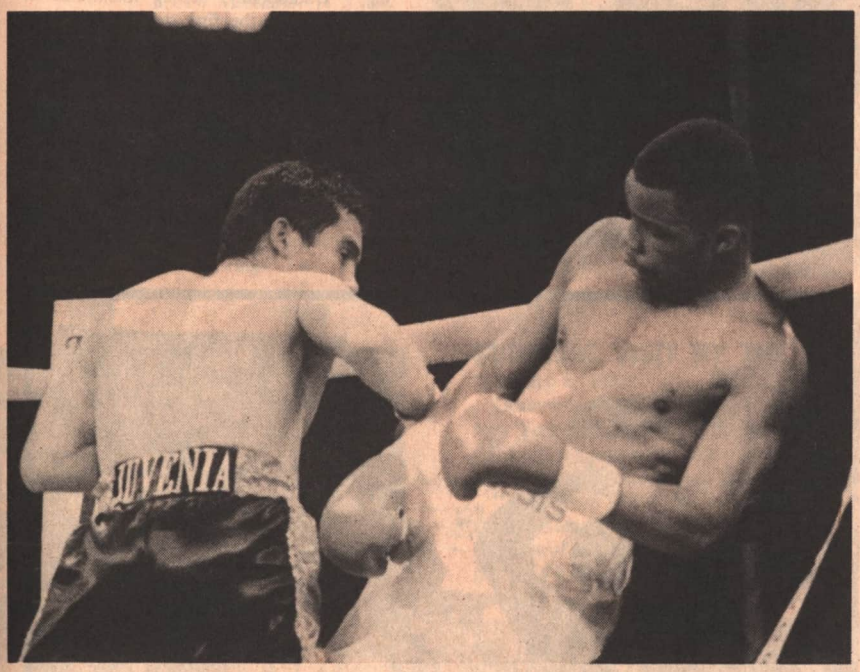
"A lot of fighters go into the ring scared against Chavez. [John] Duplessis and [Lonnie] Smith ran like thieves. They were scared to death of Chavez, and I imagine Hector's scared, too. But sometimes a scared fighter, fight-



Camacho looks to land a left during his May 1991 rematch with Greg Haugen. The "Macho Man" avenged his only career loss by taking a 12-round split decision. Chavez, of course, represents a huge jump up in class.



Chavez has conquered all kinds of styles. In November 1989, he scored a 10th-round kayo over Sammy Fuentes (left), who willingly brawled. In March 1991, John Duplessis ran from the Mexican, and "J.C. Superstar" caught him in round four (below left).



ing out of fear, is the most dangerous opponent.

"Hector's good at fighting scared. It means he won't do anything crazy. He'll pick, pick, pick, run, run, run. The question is, can he keep it up for 12 rounds? Chavez isn't invincible. He can be beaten if he ever gets in there with the right guy. Hector could be the right guy. I mean, he might not be all that he was, but he still has a lot of skills. He's fast, and he's good defensively."

Although Chavez is not without question marks—he was two seconds from a decision loss to Meldrick Taylor in 1990 before pulling out a stunning 12th-round TKO victory—he is still only 30, and widely considered to be the best fighter in the world. True, the pride of Culiacan, Mexico, has filled his recent dance card with non-title bouts and defenses against lesser foes, but that is more reflective of boxing politics than of any unwillingness of the part of "J.C. Superstar" to test himself against the highest quality opposition. Differences between King and Taylor's promoter, Dan Duva, have held up that much-anticipated rematch for more than two years.

Chavez is exactly what he has always been, a solid, dependable citizen who lets his fists do the talking. He is a fighter's fighter, a beacon of light for boxing purists, the foremost example of substance over style.

And then there's Camacho.

He is everything the stolid Chavez is not, an abrasive, self-aggrandizing peacock whose flamboyance has brought him attention beyond what his considerable talent merited. Although Camacho (who, with longtime girlfriend Amy Torres, was expecting the couple's first child in July) claims to have settled down, his actions both in and out of the arena suggest otherwise.

After his undefeated streak was imperiled by several closer-than-they-needed-to-be wins, the Puerto Rican-born Camacho finally got tagged with his first "L" in February 1991, when he faded in the later rounds and dropped a split decision to Haugen.

It came as no surprise to veteran Camacho-watchers that the hard-partying Macho Man was four pounds overweight on the morning of the fight. Totally dehydrated after paring the extra weight, his lack of zip down the stretch was understandable, if not excusable.

In a rematch three months later, Ca-

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Time Capsules

By Stanley Weston

With files of more than three million black-and-white and color negatives, *The Ring* magazine photo collection is by far the largest in the world. Each issue, we'll pore through the files to bring you some of the most unique boxing photographs ever taken

VINTAGE PEP

(Circa 1940)

Scrawled on the back of this picture is the simple notation: "Willie Pep, Hartford, Conn., featherweight." With Pep obviously a teenager, we believe the photo to have been taken in 1940, probably in July or August, around the time 18-year-old Guglielmo Papaleo launched the professional career that would lead to his enshrinement as one of the 10 greatest prize fighters of all-time.

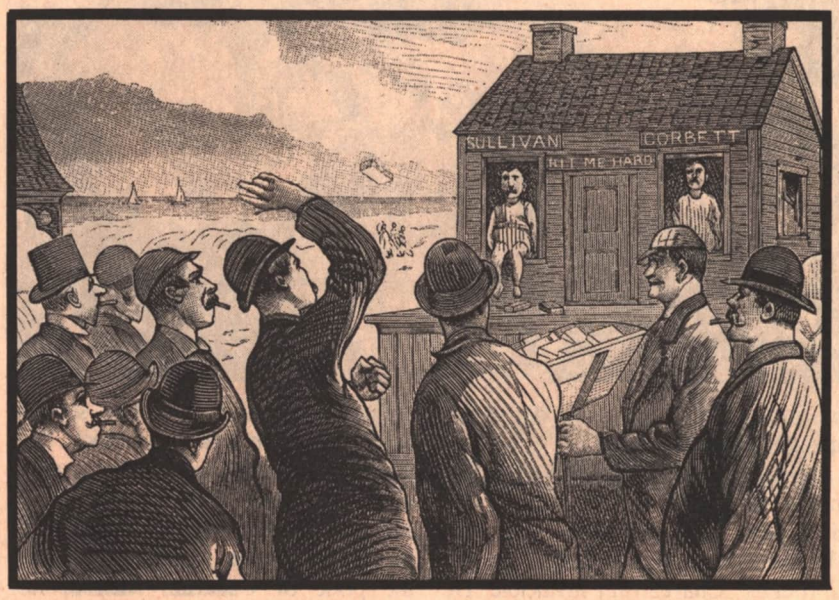
It well may have been Willie himself who mailed his picture to *The Ring*, hoping to have it published in "The Bible of Boxing." Traditionally, getting mentioned in *The Ring* was the first step to fame and fortune. That recognition gave strong leverage to an aspiring young tiger in negotiations with promoters. Indeed, *The Ring's* enormous files are crammed with pictures of starry-eyed, spindly kids like adolescent Willie Pep; a mosaic of ambitious dreams and sobering reality.

CRY CLOWN, CRY

(April 20, 1947)

When you think about Max Baer, you instinctively picture an Adonis-like joker with a right fist capable of shattering bone. Anything-for-a-laugh Maxie was boxing's unforgettable clown prince. But this unique photo of the "Magnificent Madcap" captures his other side: a highly emotional man sensitive to life's darker side.

Baer (left), racked in grief, leans on famed baseball umpire Dolly Stark as they leave a New York funeral chapel after services for Max' idol, the great former lightweight champion Benny Leonard, who had died at age 51.



THREE BRICKS FOR A NICKEL

(July 16, 1882)

This newspaper cartoon appeared 100 years ago, two months before the historic John L. Sullivan-Jim Corbett bout, which determined the first heavyweight champion of the modern era. The caption read "The latest knockout game on Coney Island—three bricks for a nickel, and the best cigar in existence if you knock out Sullivan or Corbett."

Which proves that even a century ago, entrepreneurs were dreaming up schemes to cash in on major events.

THE CAMP JESTER

(September 17, 1926)

Gene Tunney is flanked by illustrious visitors Benny Leonard (left) and Tommy Gibbons at his Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, training camp, where he was preparing for his title fight with Jack Dempsey. Leonard, who had retired in 1925 as undefeated lightweight champion, drew a roar of laughter when he doffed his hat and told Gene, "Whipping Dempsey should be as easy for a smart man like you as getting a shave and a haircut."

Gibbons, who had gone the full 15 rounds with Dempsey in a title bout, had far less confidence in the challenger.

"My best advice to you," cautioned Tommy, "is don't get hit."

Six days after this picture was taken, Tunney was declared the new heavyweight champion of the world.

COUNTDOWN—D MINUS SIX

(June 11, 1954)

Former heavyweight champion Ezzard Charles, 33, reads newspapers at his upstate New York training camp six days before his scheduled challenge of undefeated titlist Rocky Marciano. A young reporter, intrigued by Charles' nonchalant attitude, asked, "You're going to fight a guy who never lost, and who can knock you dead, but you show no emotion at all. Can you tell me why?"

Replying with a broad grin, Charles said, "What you're really asking is why I'm not afraid of Marciano. Good question. I learned long ago that to fear an opponent is like getting licked before you even get into the ring."

SAMMY THE CLUTCHER

(March 1, 1930)

Lightweight champion Sammy Mandell wound up in this embarrassing position after missing a roundhouse right aimed at Jimmy McLarnin's head. While McLarnin tried to convince the referee that he had done nothing wrong, quick-witted Sammy used Jimmy's body to regain his feet.

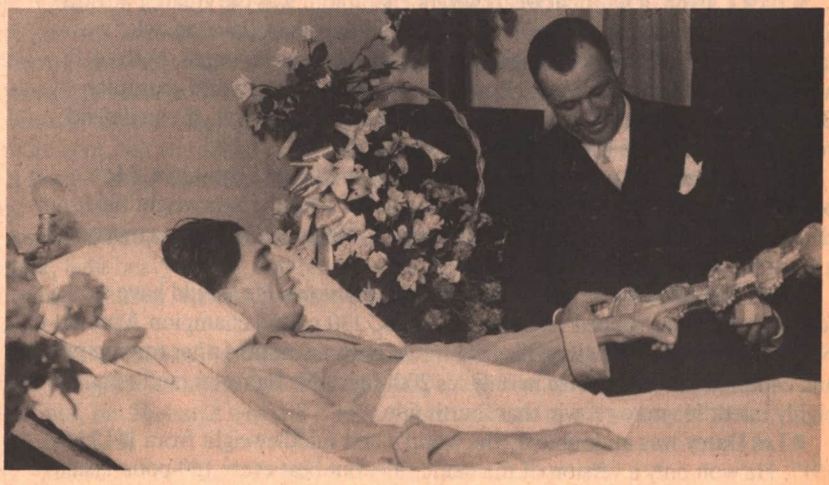
McLarnin won the non-title bout at Chicago Stadium on points. A few months later, Mandell was flattened by Al Singer in the first round of their title match. McLarnin went on to become welterweight king.

SURPRISE VISIT BY THE CHAMP

(February 6, 1933)

Heavyweight champion Jack Sharkey was so touched by a letter sent to him by a hospitalized New York police officer injured in the line of duty that he made the trip from Boston for a visit. As if just the presence of the champ wasn't enough of a surprise, Sharkey brought the championship belt recently presented to him by *The Ring*.

"Would you like to put on the belt?" Jack asked the astonished officer, who could only gulp and nod his head. Regrettably, the doctor refused to allow the man to be raised because that could have torn open the 30 stitches in his abdomen. The best Sharkey could do was to gently place his belt across the man's body and then let him run his fingers over the belt's five silver panels.



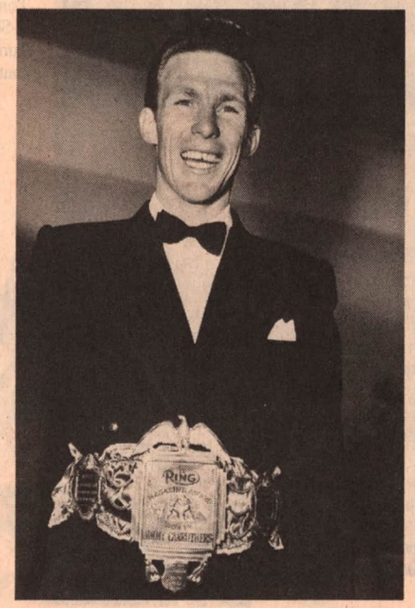
The Best Of A Nation

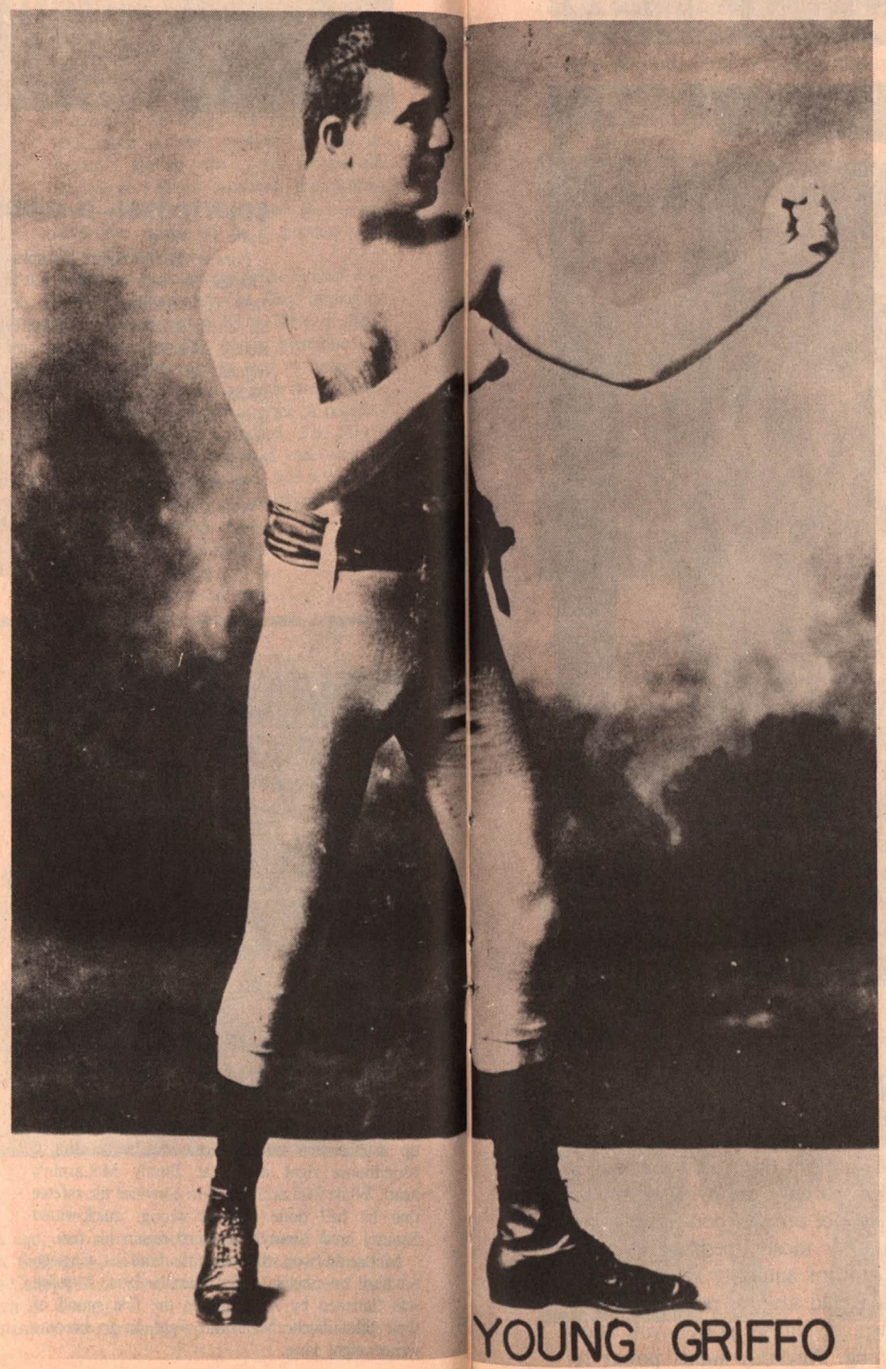
THIS MONTH: *AUSTRALIA*

Who was the best British fighter of all-time? The best Mexican? The best Japanese? The debate will rage forever. In an attempt to fuel the fire, or at least offer some perspective, *The Ring* has asked several of its correspondents to compile their personal top-10 lists.

1. Young Griffo
2. Jack Carroll
3. Vic Patrick
4. Jeff Fenech
5. Les Darcy
6. Jimmy Carruthers
7. Lionel Rose
8. Dave Sands
9. Ambrose Palmer
10. Ron Richards

By Ray Mitchell





Classy Jimmy Carruthers (above) won the world bantamweight title in spectacular fashion, and then retired as an unbeaten champion. Featherweight Young Griffo (right) fought 168 times before losing for the first time.

Triple crown champion Jeff Fenech, shown against 1984 Olympic gold medalist Steve McCrory, won his first world title only six months after turning pro. He remains active, and is currently seeking the 130-pound crown.

Young Griffo was the legitimate featherweight champion of the world; he won the title by stopping the division's first champion, Torpedo Billy Murphy, in September 1890. His first loss came in his 168th fight (not his 116th, as listed in *The Ring Record Book),* and it was a bad decision vs. lightweight champion Jack McAuliffe. Griffo had as much right to be called champion as Sandy Saddler and Willie Pep. He was right in their class.

● **Jack Carroll**, a national welterweight champion, was the greatest Australian boxer I ever saw in the flesh. He twice beat Bep Van Klaveran, who was rated first by *The Ring*, as well as Jimmy Leto and Izzy Jannazzo, both of whom were world-rated. Maxie Rosenbloom told reigning world champion Barney Ross, "There's a guy in Australia named Jack Carroll. If you defend your title there, you'll leave it there. He's a wizard."

● **Vic Patrick** was an extremely unorthodox southpaw lightweight. He peaked in the mid-'40s. If he fought today, he'd sweep the lightweight field clean. He could hit hard and was very tough. Unfortunately, he never received a try at the world title.

● **Jeff Fenech** has won world titles in three divisions. He should have won a fourth, but he was robbed vs. defending WBC 130-pound champion Azumah Nelson in June 1991. He won his first crown only six months after turning pro, and captured his third crown in only his 20th fight. He fights on, and remains highly rated. He may yet win that fourth title.

● **Les Darcy** was undoubtedly the world's best middleweight from 1915 to 1917. He won only a version of the world title, but beat every 160-pound claimant, or at least fighters who had beaten such claimants. We'll never know how great could he have been; in May 1917, he died in the USA at age 21.

● **Jimmy Carruthers** was an extremely fast bantamweight. He won the world title by kayoing defending champion Vic Toweel at 2:19 of the first round, throwing an incredible 147 punches to Toweel's one. When he retired in May 1954, he became the first champion in history to exit without a draw or defeat to mar his record. (He returned in 1961 and subsequently lost four bouts.)

● **Lionel Rose** was a brilliant all-around boxer who won the world bantamweight title at age 19. But he could not keep his weight, and after weakening himself, he was kayoed by Ruben Olivares.

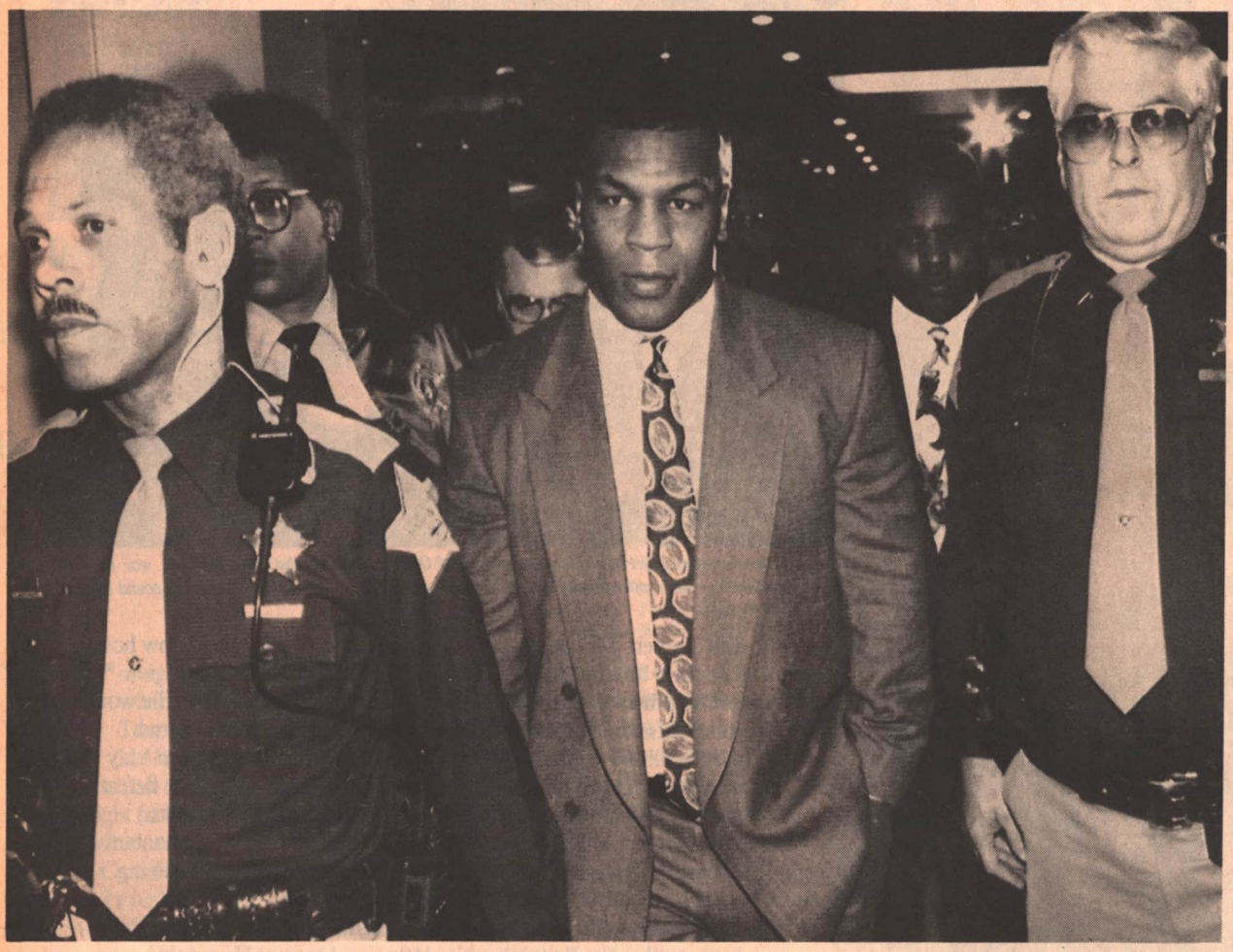
● **Dave Sands** won national titles at middleweight, light heavyweight, and heavyweight, as well as the British Empire 160-pound crown. He would have undoubtedly captured the world middleweight title after Sugar Ray Robinson's first retirement, but was killed in a truck accident at age 26. (Sands had twice beaten Bobo Olson, who subsequently took the vacant crown by outpointing Randy Turpin.)

● **Ambrose Palmer** was an outstanding boxer. He held national titles at middleweight, light heavyweight, and heavyweight in the '30s. He later became a great trainer, guiding, among others, world featherweight champion Johnny Famechon.

● **Ron Richards**, like Palmer, won national middleweight, light heavyweight, and heavyweight titles in the '30s. Palmer always beat him, and Jack Carroll stopped him, but Richards was still a great fighter who defeated, among others, Gus Lesnevich. ■

Ray Mitchell is The Ring's longtime correspondent in Australia.

MIKE TYSON SPEAKS!



Tyson leaves an Indianapolis courtroom after being found guilty of rape

On June 18, Street Stories received the highest rating in the CBS News show's history. Care to guess why? (It wasn't because viewers wanted to see what color tie anchor Ed Bradley was wearing.) On that night, a prime time national television audience watched a tape of Bradley's interview with former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson, which had been taped at the Indiana Youth Center in Plainfield. Tyson is serving a six-year sentence for rape. His talk with Bradley was the first interview he granted since his incarceration.

Here are excerpts of the interview:

● On the prison guards:

"I mean there are people here who are good people. Don't get me wrong. There're good guards here. But you must think of the mentality that it takes for somebody to want to be a prison guard, to have the dying thumb on somebody to . . . put their foot on somebody's neck, you know, it's just the authority mostly perhaps . . . you know, being under that kind of authority from a person which in my mentality, I would say this person wouldn't even clean my toilet. Then, of course, power, you know what I mean, it's addicting. Anybody wants power re-

EXCERPTS FROM HIS ONLY PRISON INTERVIEW

gardless of what kind of power it is. They want it. And I guess this is their way of showing their power.

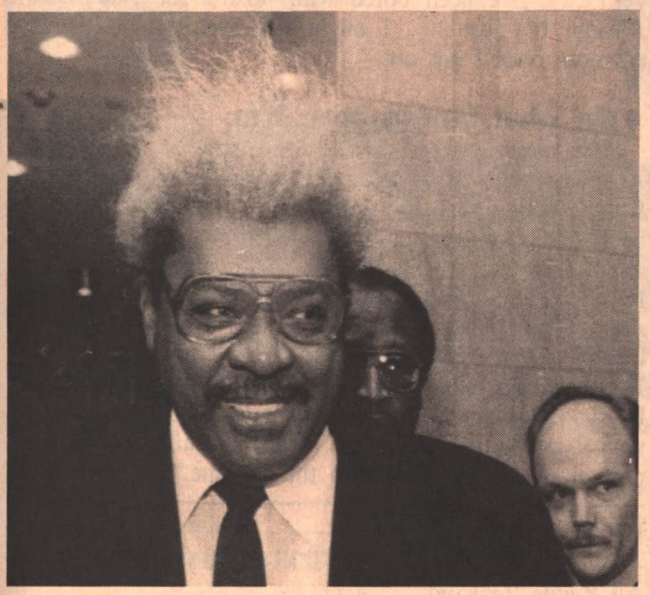
● On prosecutor Greg Garrison:

"The prosecutor, I thought he was a racist, weak, publicity-happy little weak man. And I just felt that . . . that I wasn't, you know what I mean, I was . . . I was always nervous and worried because I knew they was gonna take me away from the people that I loved. But I was just prepared for it."

Prosecutor Greg Garrison

● On promoter Don King:

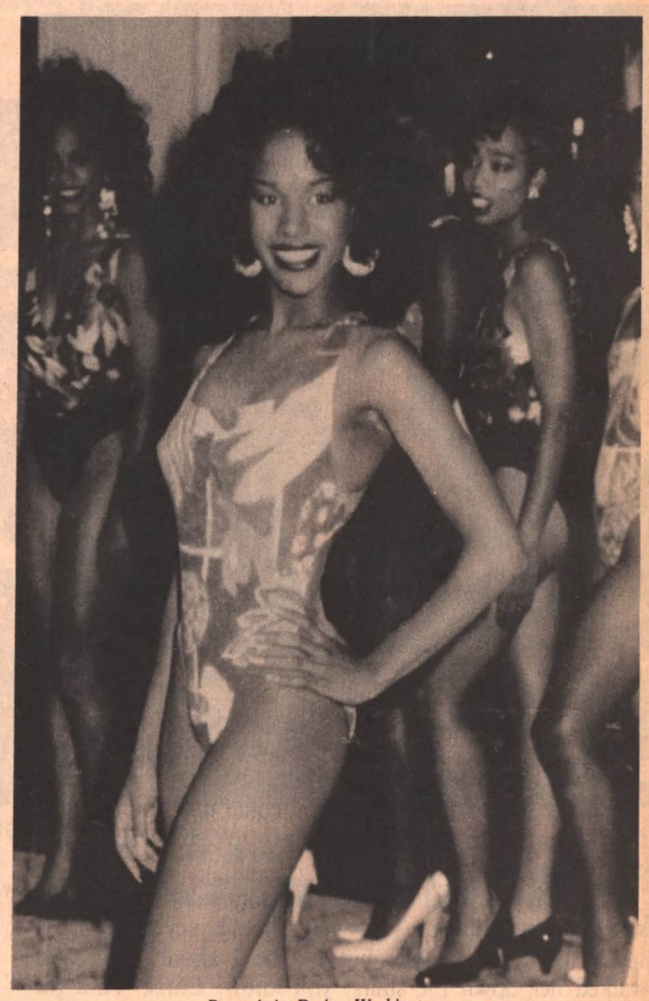
"Everyone uses someone. He uses me. I use him. For—the worst thing—we'd never misuse one another—but we respect one another. I—can I tell you something? Don is my man. And that's what it is to it."



Promoter Don King

● On his date with Desiree Washington:

"I called her and she said she was tired or something. I said don't worry about it. Just—comb your hair and put water on your face. And I asked her to wear something short. Like a short dress or some wide, loose, baggy shorts. And she came in the car—we kissed and we were making out, okay? Fooling around. And then we drove right around the corner to my hotel room. We got out at my hotel room. We went upstairs and we went in my room—so—and I closed the door—we went in my room—we sat on my bed. She sat on my bed and—in somewhat of a Buddha position. You know when your legs are crossed? And she was talking. She just sat on my bed and she was talking. We started kissing. And she started pulling off her clothes. She was getting hot. She was getting aggressive. And I stood—we had oral sex. And then later we had vaginal sex. And—after it was over—I invited her to stay—I said because I'm tired perhaps 'cause you have to get up around five or six and I have to leave at approximately five—in two hours. We



Rape victim Desiree Washington

A typical jail cell in an Indiana prison

Tyson heads for his first night in prison

both had the same schedule—approximately. But she didn't want to go. 'Cause she wanted me to walk her downstairs and I—I didn't want to walk her. I said, 'Well, my limo's downstairs. You could take the limo but I—I'm sorry, I'm tired. And I have to get up and I just can't walk you.'

"Maybe—maybe I should have just walked her downstairs or something. We—you should never cry over spilled milk, of course, but maybe I should have just walked her down the stairs, you know. Christ. And the next week I heard about this."

● On his first night in prison:

"I don't know . . . It was . . . wasn't realistic at that point. But I knew, you know what I mean, after being in my cell, I mean, for a couple of days though. I just say, you know, 'These cells are horrible.' You never forget them as long as you live. Prison itself will leave an everlasting effect on me. You just never forget it, especially a prison like this. You will never forget it."

● On his future:

"I basically—just keep, you know what I mean, go live day by day and wait for the, you know what I mean, see where the chips drop. I may not even want to box. I've been . . . I've been bored with boxing for four years already. It's just . . . I might not even want to fight anymore once I get out."

● On what boxing gave him:

"I'm basically, regardless of what you see . . . money . . . I'm just, I'm Mike . . . I'm just Lorna Mae's son from Amboy Street. I'm not . . . don't get caught up in a big, big star and all . . . that's the furthest thing from my mind. I don't like living like that. So maybe I don't think I want to be a big star no more, if that's what they call me. I don't think I want that no more 'cause I don't like living like that. I don't like livin' where everybody—which I found out here is true—everybody is a potential enemy. Everybody potential to hurt you or want somethin' from you. I don't like that kind of life because I'm just a normal person—extremely to the extreme." ■

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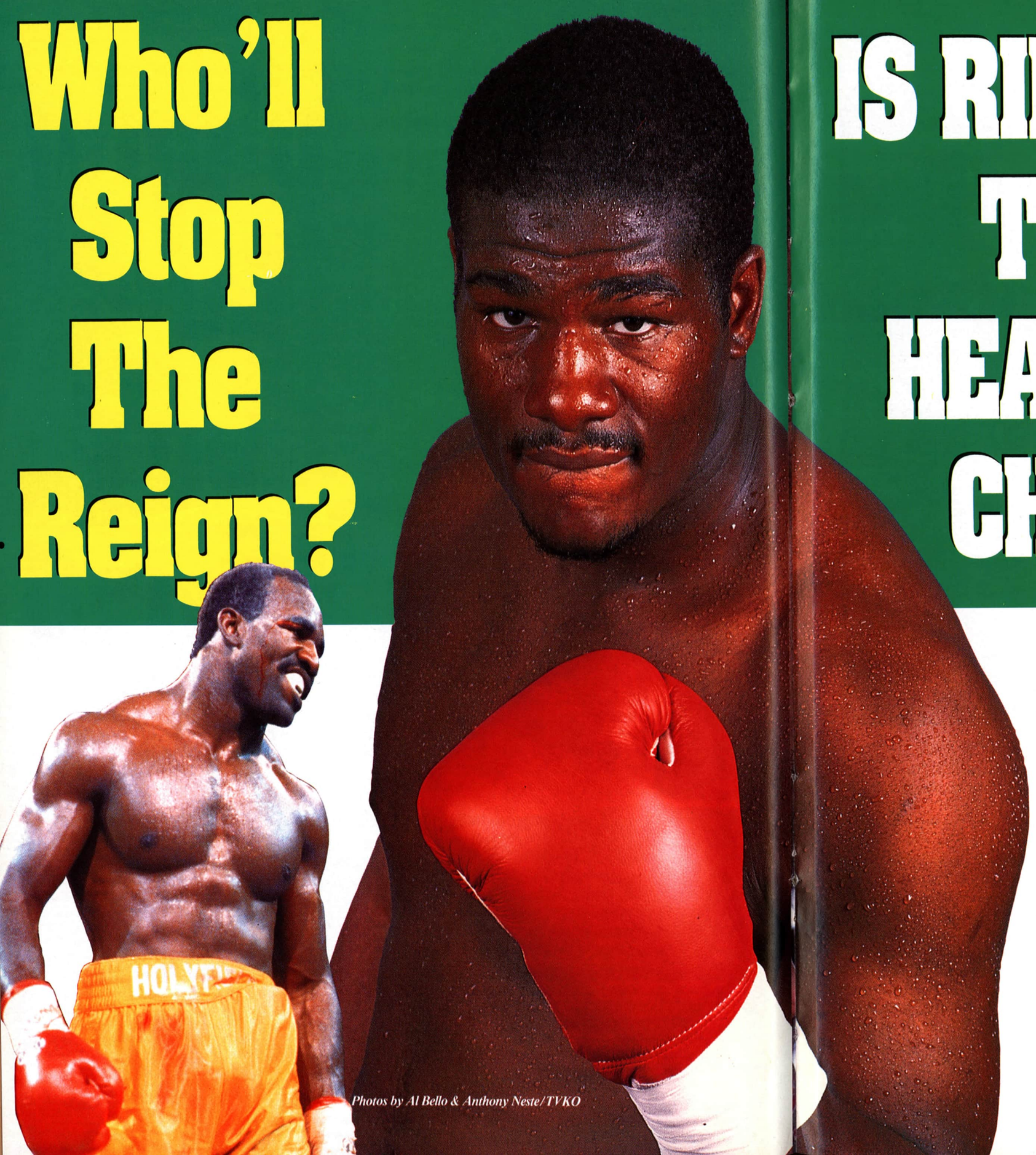

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IS RIDDICK BOWE THE NEXT HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION?

By Joseph C. Tintle

The more Riddick Bowe watched Evander Holyfield's uninspiring victory over Larry Holmes, the more he envisioned himself being fitted for three heavyweight title belts in November.

"You'll have a new heavyweight champ that night," Bowe promised. "I guarantee it."

Know what? The big guy just might be right. Take a look at *The Ring's* heavyweight Top 10 on page 10. In inverse order, they include Tommy Morrison, who may have the best left hook in the division, but was starched by Ray Mercer and was less than compelling in stopping Joe Hipp . . . Mercer, sputtering since a disastrous decision loss to Holmes . . . Lennox Lewis has a good jab, and good power. Needs more experience, though . . . Scratch George Foreman. Sure, he beat Alex Stewart, but Big George's swollen and bloodied face made him look more like a loser than a winner . . . Tony Tucker gave Mike Tyson trouble, but that was five years ago. He's 33 now, and who'd pay to watch him fight Holyfield? . . . Tim Witherspoon has fast hands for a 240-pound porker, but his time has passed . . . Michael Moorer? Yeah, yeah, he craves violence and punches hard, but his china chin and legal difficulties figure to hamper his rise . . . Razor Ruddock is always a threat; he carries vicious power in his left-hand "Smash." But unless new trainer Floyd Patterson develops the fighter's right, he'll remain a one-handed, and one-dimensional, fighter.

"Guess that leaves me," said Bowe. "Heck, I may not be the greatest, but I am the latest."

During his title try against Evander Holyfield, Larry Holmes spent the first half of the bout against the ropes. The champion scored, but never seriously hurt his 42-year-old foe.

Bowe admitted to salivating after Holyfield-Holmes. If old Larry could give Holyfield trouble, imagine what Bowe, rated second by *The Ring,* could do. For starters Bowe is three inches taller than Holyfield, and he throws a legitimate heavyweight punch. And while Bowe doesn't look to brawl, he will if he has to.

Bowe is also the more fluid fighter. He possesses a ripping jab that sets up his power shots; he leaves calling cards every time they strike from long range.

"You watch, I'm going to apply pressure to Holyfield like he's never seen before," Bowe said. "I'll stick my left jab in his face and feed him right hands all night long if I have to. But I'm also going to do something nobody else has done. I'm going to work his body with hooks and right hands. By round seven, he'll be cooked to perfection."

When reminded that Holyfield often charges back after troublesome moments, Bowe replied, "If he charges at me, it'll be the greatest mistake of his life. He just can't match me in the power department. I'll go through him like cancer.

"Hey, all those who say Holyfield comes back when he's in trouble forget one thing: His opponents were ancient and worn out. Foreman was 42 and he rocked Evander a few times. Bert Cooper. Oh, please. If I'd been Bert Cooper and I had Holyfield ready to go, I would've finished him off. No question about it. As for Holmes, no way I would've let him take me the distance. *No way.*"

Obviously, Bowe hasn't much respect for Holyfield's skills. He sees him as every bit the cheese champion that Floyd Patterson was considered to be. After winning the va-

HOLYFIELD-HOLMES: IS THAT ALL THERE IS?

Despite what you may have heard, there was a world heavyweight title fight on June 19, at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas. A brief summary: Defending champion Evander Holyfield didn't because he wouldn't, challenger Larry Holmes didn't because he couldn't, and no one went home happy.

The gamblers, who made Holyfield a 5-1 favorite, were far more active than the fighters. Fresh off his upset victory over Ray Mercer in February, Holmes, 233, Easton, Pennsylvania, 54-4 (37), entered the ring first. He seemed particularly relaxed as he gazed into the crowd and joked with ringsiders. Then came Holyfield, 210, Atlanta, Georgia, 28-0 (22), and all his hardware; his handlers flaunted the championship belts of the IBF, WBA, and WBC. "The Real Deal" is boxing's only unified champion. This was his third defense.

No one expected the 42-year-old Holmes to box as he had in his prime. Sure enough, by the second round, he sought the comfort of the ropes. Holyfield followed, and while he enjoyed much more success than Mercer had, he never threatened to score a stoppage. Initially, Holmes countered strongly with rights, especially in round two. But in the third, fourth, and fifth, Holyfield banged away to the head and body. Anticipating well, Holmes blocked some of the blows and rode with others. Still, the rounds belonged to the champion.

Late in the sixth, Holyfield suffered the first cut of his pro career when Holmes accidentally opened a long and deep cut on his right eyelid with, of all things, an errant elbow. (The wound would take 12 stitches to close.) From that point on, the bout was contested in ring center. And fought *carefully*. Holmes' legs managed to hold up, mostly because Holyfield did nothing to make him use them. Holmes opened the seventh with a few jabs, bringing isolated chants of "Lar-ree! Lar-ree!" from the 14,000 fans in attendance. Then he remembered his age and returned to a defensive mode.

In the ninth, Holyfield struck with a right uppercut and an overhand right, but whatever momentum he established was lost when he missed badly with a hook and fell to the floor. So much for balance. The 10th saw Holmes stand still, Holyfield bounce, and the fans boo. The boredom was temporarily broken early in the 11th, when Holmes strung together three rights and a hook. Later in the round, he returned to the ropes. Only this time, the champion didn't follow. He motioned to an imaginary line on the canvas and wouldn't cross it. After a few seconds of such gamesmanship, Holyfield moved in, saving referee Mills Lane from having to admonish the heavyweights for refusing to fight.

The challenger scored most often in the 12th, but there would be no miracle finish. After the sound of the final bell, Holyfield approached Holmes and congratulated him for a gutty effort. Grandpa Larry nodded, turned away, and then vomited into his corner. Draw your own metaphors.

The judges were both unanimous and on the mark. Chuck Giampa and Carol Castellano saw it 116-112, and Glen Hamada had it 117-111. *The Ring* also scored for Holyfield, 117-112.

"It takes two people to fight," Holyfield said afterward.

On this night, there hadn't even been one.

—Steve Farhood

Holyfield suffered a scare in defending the crown against Bert Cooper last November (left). Riddick Bowe's toughest bout to date was a close points victory over former WBA champion Tony Tubbs in April 1991 (right).

cant title by kayoing Archie Moore in 1956, Patterson met the respected Tommy "Hurricane" Jackson. But then came successful defenses against Pete Rademacher, an Olympic champion who was making his pro debut, the inexperienced and unpolished Roy Harris, and rugged British clubfighter Brian London.

In 1959, Patterson faced Sweden's Ingemar Johansson and was dropped seven times and stopped in three rounds. Patterson won their next two meetings in spectacular fashion, but when Sonny Liston wasted him with a pair of one-round knockouts, boxing fans were all too happy.

Bowe sees parallels with Holyfield. After all, who has Holyfield defended against since winning the crown from a poorly conditioned Buster Douglas? The champion, of course, cannot be blamed for that match, but he can be blamed for taking 12 rounds to decision old, fat George Foreman. And every fight fan had the right to question his ability after Bert Cooper, a substitute, knocked him down before succumbing in the seventh round.

Then came Holmes. Holyfield, his chiseled body notwithstanding, couldn't drop the second thickset 42-year-old foe of his career. No wonder headline writers once proclaimed, "With Every Win, Holyfield Loses Respect."

Holyfield was often off-balance against Holmes, and lunged from time to time. There were also moments when his concentration seemed to waver, as it had against

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100 Years Ago

JAMES J. CORBETT KNOCKS OUT JOHN L. SULLIVAN

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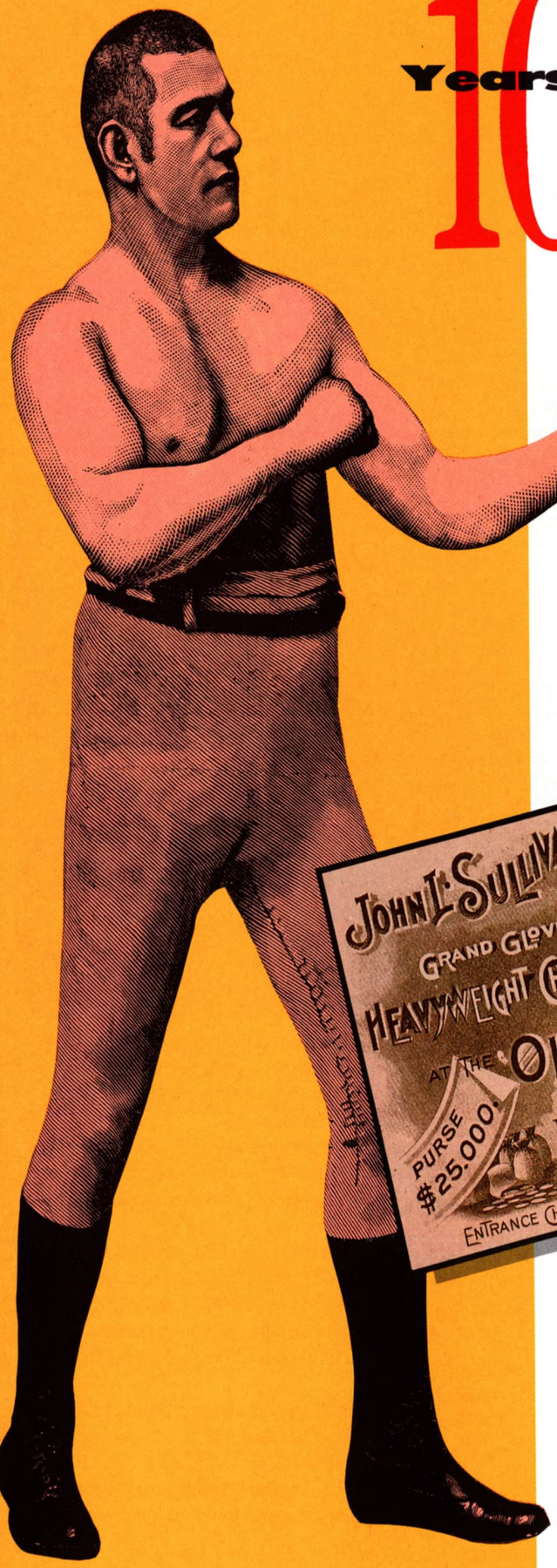

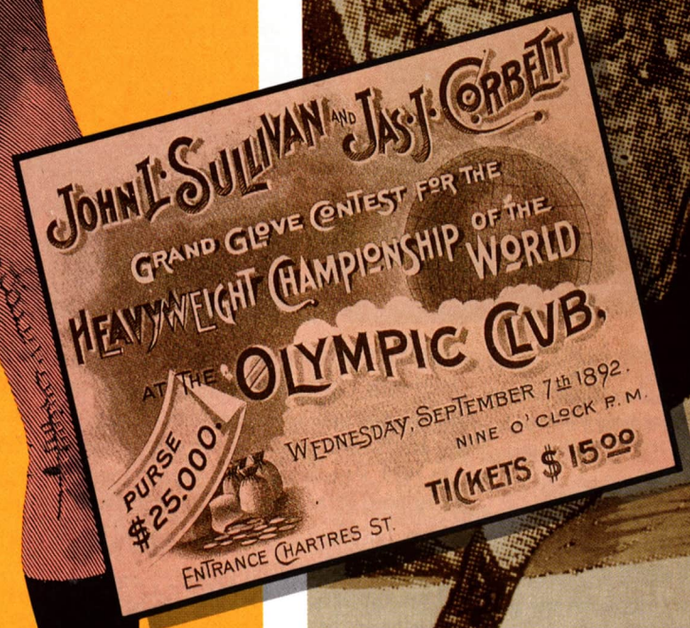

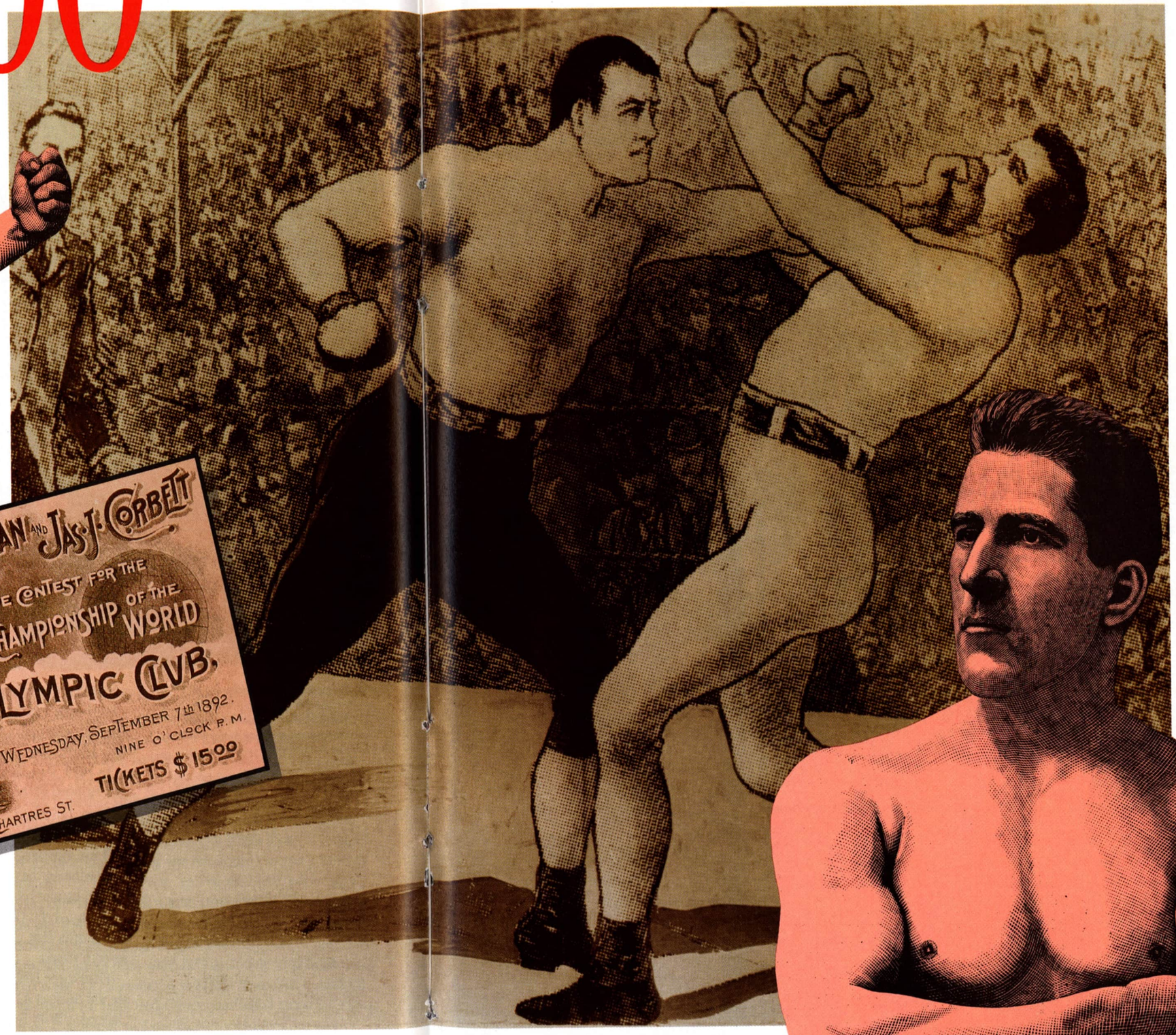

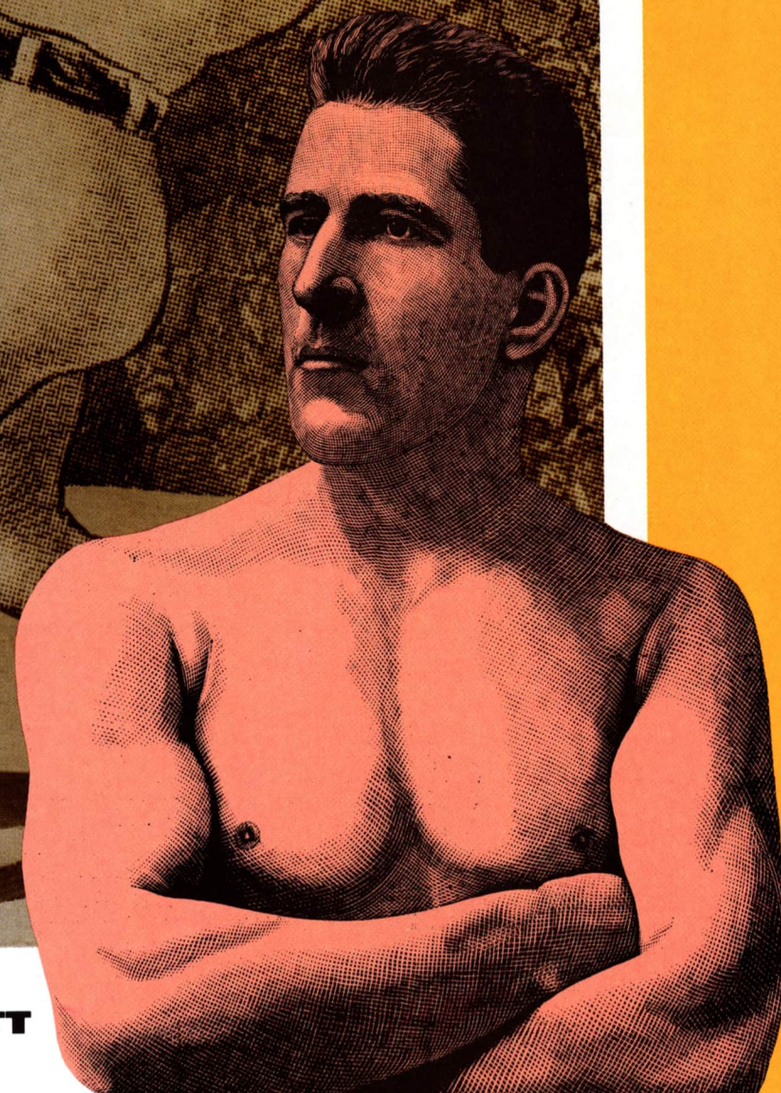

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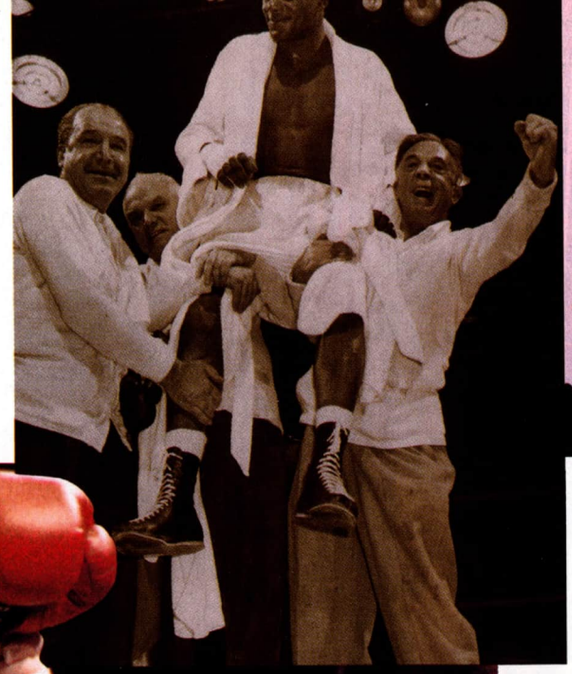
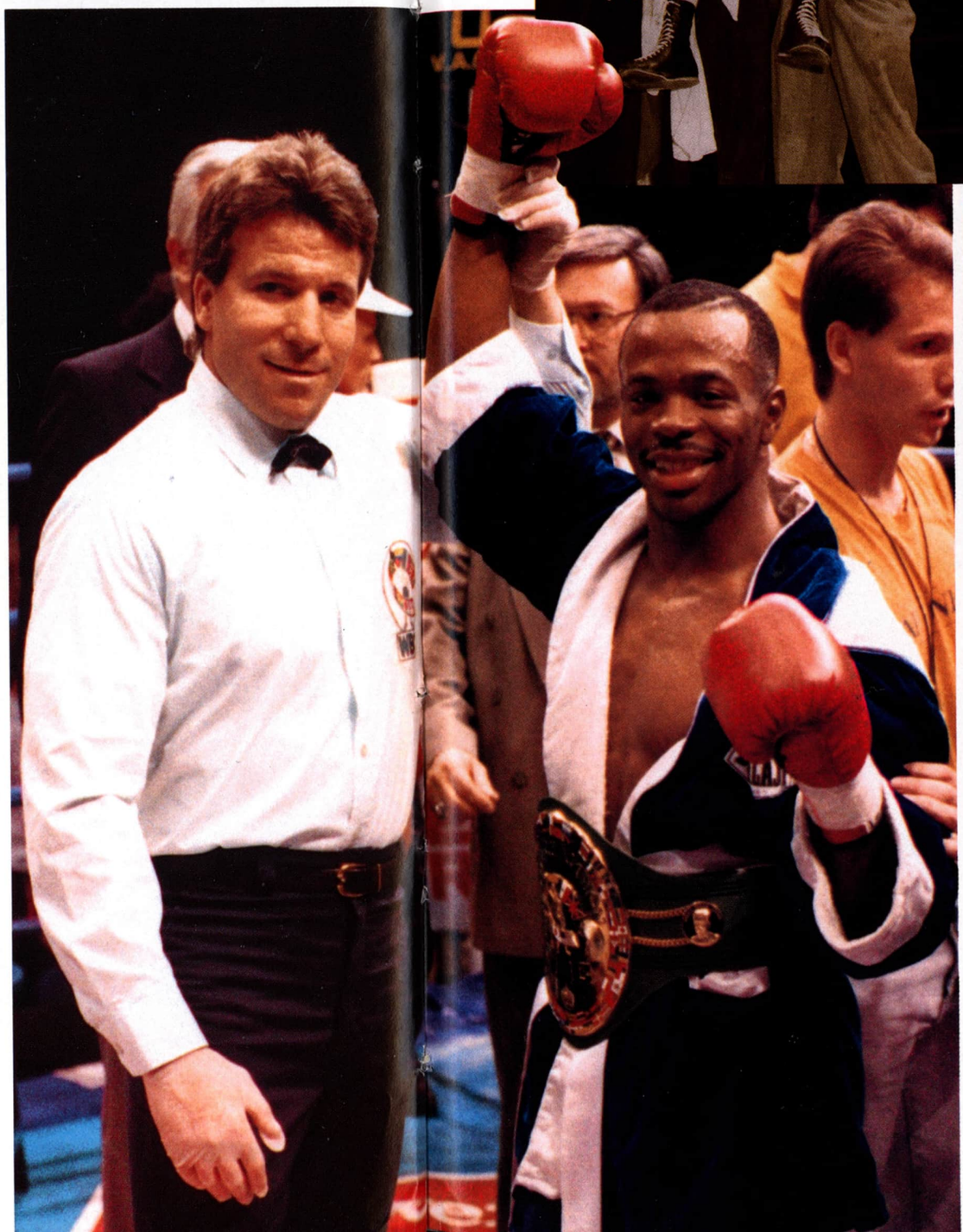
TRACY PATTERSON ASCENDS A THRONE OF HIS OWN



When referee Arthur Mercante Jr. raised Tracy Patterson's hand in victory (below left), the newly crowned WBC super bantamweight champion joined Floyd Patterson (above) as the only father-son duo to have both won world titles. Floyd was crowned in November 1956 (above left), when he captured the vacant heavyweight crown by kayoing Archie Moore in five rounds. Tracy's work came easier: In June, the top-rated contender took out France's Thierry Jacob in less than two rounds (below).



Patterson-Jacob Photos By Al Bello

By Jeff Ryan

De-libbbb-errrr-ate. Fl-oyyyyd Patt-errrr-son is soooo verrrr-y de-libbbb-errrr-ate. If patience is a virtue, Patterson is the virtuoso of virtuousness. His walk is that of a man trying not to wear the manufacturer's name off the bottom of his shoes. His speech is steady and measured, like he's addressing the United Nations and constantly giving the translators time to catch up. He has to be the only guy in boxing who still calls a gym a *gymnasium*. If he was any more laid back, someone might panic and start giving him mouth-to-mouth.

So when his son, Tracy, ravaged WBC super bantamweight champion Thierry Jacob in Albany, New York, two days after Father's Day, few people

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The British Evasion:

WHY PAT BARRETT WANTS TO BE KNOWN AS AN "AMERICAN" FIGHTER

Photos Courtesy of BOXING MONTHLY

By Tommy Deas

Coronation Street, which is one of Great Britain's top three television shows, is a light working-class soap opera filmed in the heart of central England, in the industrial town of Manchester. Watch *Coronation Street* and you might get the idea that all Mancunians, as the citizens refer to themselves, reside in a neighborhood where Donna Reed or Theodore Cleaver would blend right in with the scenery.

But there are other sides to England's second-largest metropolis. If it were in America, Manchester would be Detroit or Chicago, a city of broad shoulders and people who sweat for their salaries. Judging all of Manchester by *Coronation Street* would be like watching *Beverly Hills 90210* to get the scoop on today's teenagers.

Barrett drops Italy's Salvatore Nardino (above) en route to a sixth-round kayo victory in February 1991. Two months later, the British bomber survived the attack of Mark McCreath (below) and scored a sixth-round TKO.

It is the other Manchester that produced Pat Barrett, perhaps Britain's most exciting star of the future. The 24-year-old Barrett, nicknamed "The Black Flash," took the tough lessons of the street with him when he first showed up at the Collyhurst and Moston Lads Club, a boxing gym quietly hidden above a co-op grocery store. Eight years later, he shares Britain's longest unbeaten streak, at 31 fights, with super middleweight Chris Eubank.

The wiry-muscled, 5'10" Barrett hails from Collyhurst, one of the city's roughest sections.

"Every fighter is coming from a rough background," he says, "because if they weren't, they wouldn't be in the ring. This is the way out because everybody knows you can make money in boxing depending on how good you are. So you take your chance.

"When I was growing up, Collyhurst was like Detroit, like the Bronx, like New York. You've got a lot of single parents bringing kids up, a lot of

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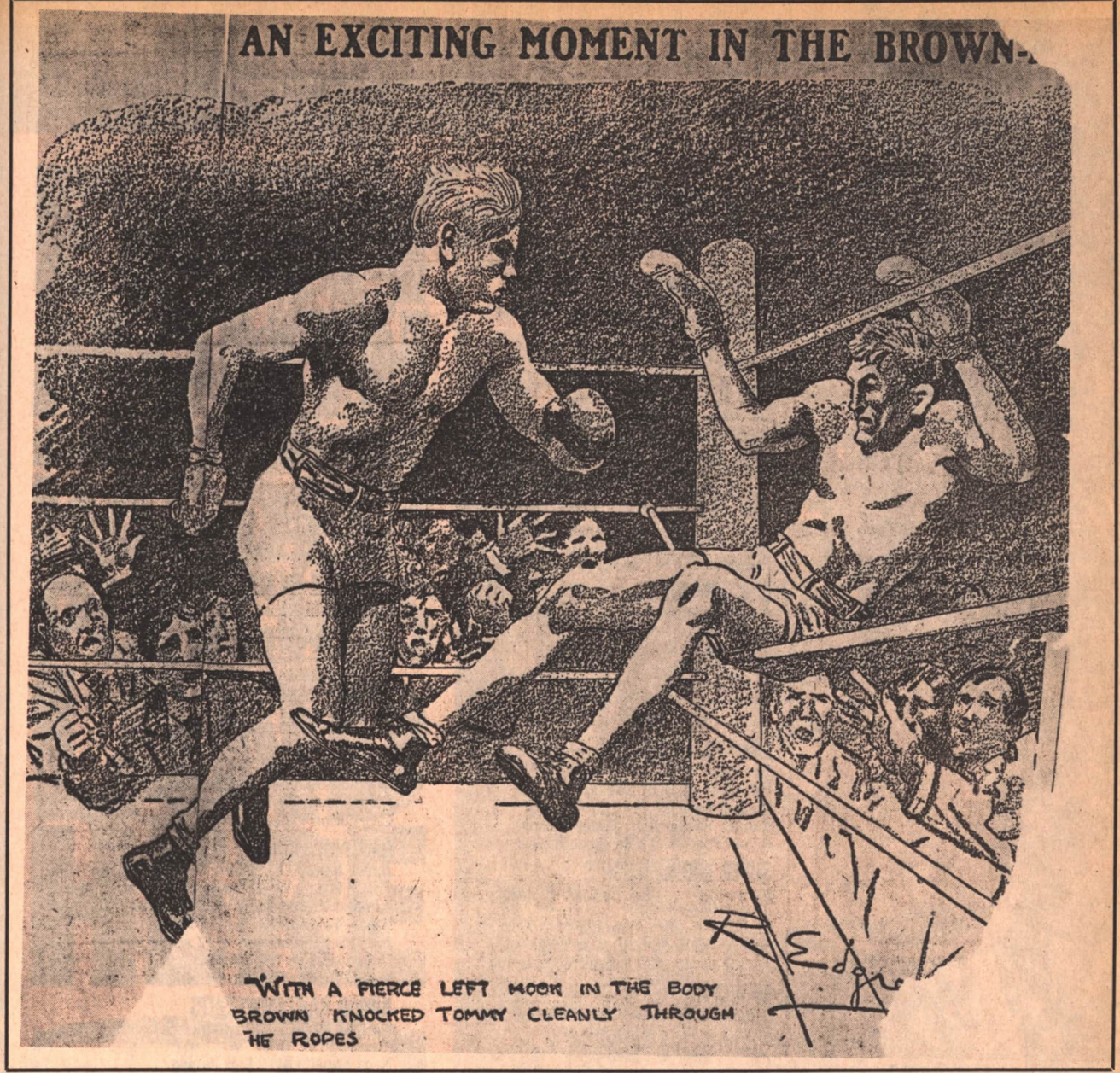
KNOCKOUT BROWN:

BOXING'S COCKEYED WONDER

Shrewd manager 'Dumb" Dan Morgan's promotional postcards hyped his cross-eyed lightweight sensation, Valentine "Knockout" Brown.



Brown's most spectacular victory came in May 1911, when he twice knocked Harlem Tommy Murphy through the ropes (above) en route to a first-round triumph. The lightweight's career accelerated when "Dumb" Dan Morgan (below) became his manager.

By Roger Mooney

Valentine Brown was an oddity. A square peg in the round hole. The exception to the rule. He went against the wisdom of his times, which suggested that there was a right way and a wrong way to fight. Brown chose the latter. He was, it seemed, too awkward, too lefthanded, and just too plain goofy to be anything more than an undercard lifer.

Frank Graham once wrote that Brown was "a glorified clubfighter." Graham was wrong. Though cross-eyed and pigeon-toed, and employing a stance that was anything but orthodox, Brown tore through the 135-pound division at a time when there was said to be a decent lightweight on every streetcorner from New York to San Francisco.

He slammed Tommy Murphy through the ropes twice in one round, and knocked Ad Wolgast silly for 10, then, in the return, came within one punch of a knockout. And these were no stiffs; Murphy was so good he was claimed by two New York City neighborhoods, and Wolgast was lightweight champion of the world.

"What a man," Brown's manager, Dan Morgan, once said of his fighter. "He could even eat a Limburger sandwich without flinching."

That may be so. But what is undisputably true is that Brown kayoed 26 of his first 27 opponents. He was tagged "Knockout" by a ring announc-

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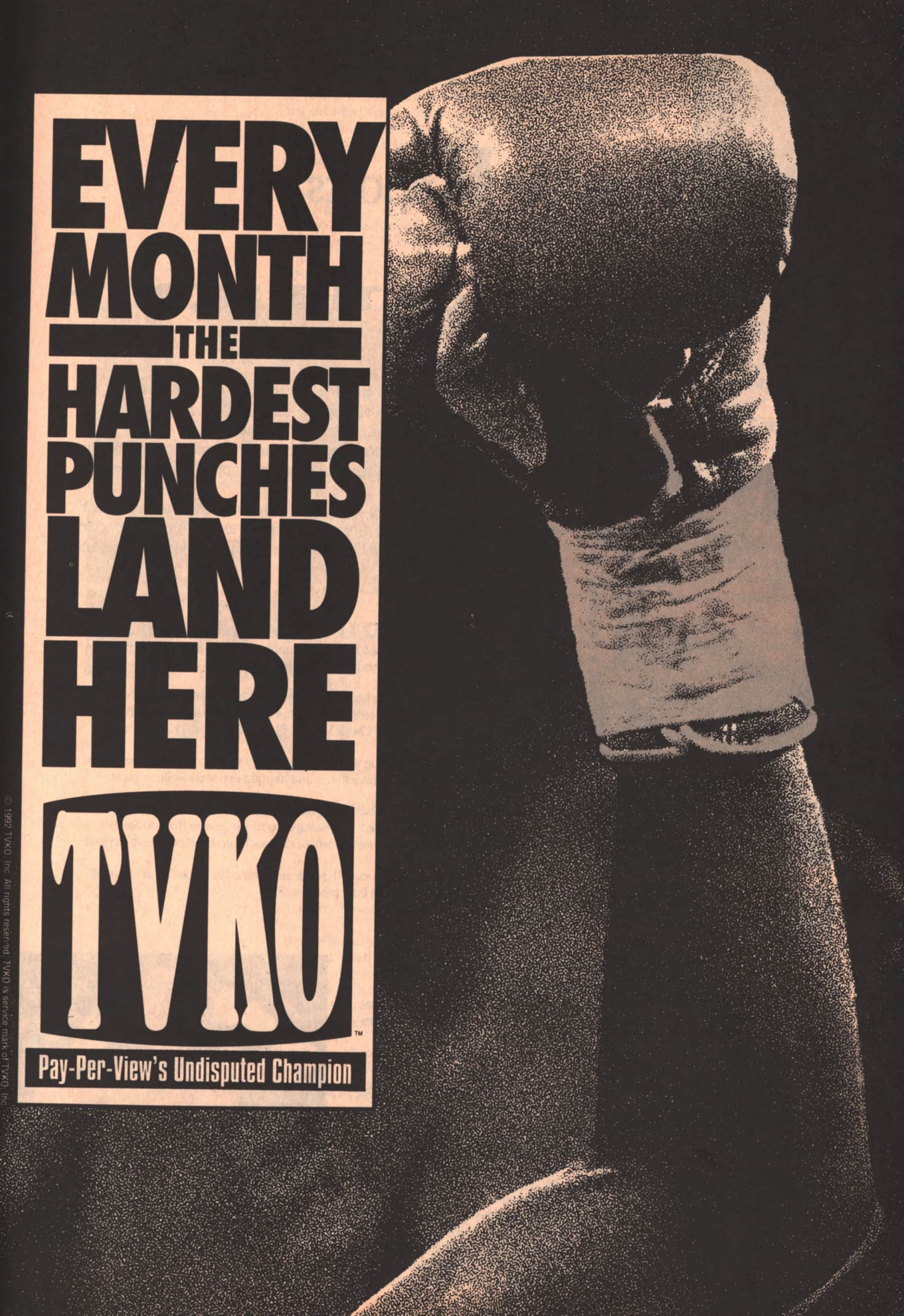

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Ringside Reports

FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

Humberto Gonzalez

Facing a challenger with only five fights worth of professional experience, WBC junior flyweight champion "Chiquita" Gonzalez waited for Kwang Sun Kim to fade. And waited . . . And waited . . .

Gonzalez almost waited too long. But when he finally exploded, Kim immediately succumbed. When the bout was stopped, there were 125 seconds remaining.

We may yet see Gonzalez in a title unification bout vs. unbeaten IBF champion Michael Carbajal. Chiquita continues to win and lose spectacularly, and given Carbajal's willingness to brawl, a matchup of little giants would be quite sensational.

Let's hope it happens.

Jeff Harding KO 8 Christophe Tiozzo,

Marseille, France—WBC light heavyweight champion Harding delivered a crunching left hook in the eighth round, ending the title hopes of former WBA super middleweight champion Tiozzo.

Until that point, France's Tiozzo had been boxing well, building a slight lead with sharp jabs and right crosses. After seven rounds, the challenger was ahead by 67-66 on the cards of both Harry Gibbs and Chuck Hassett. Chuck Giampa had Harding in front by 67-66.

Harding slowly weakened his foe with short and heavy shots to the body. But by the seventh, he was cut at the side of his left eye, and his right eye was swollen almost shut.

Tiozzo seemed spent at the start of the eighth, and he walked into the hook that turned the fight. The Frenchman fell, but managed to rise at referee Richard Steele's count of eight. After Harding followed up with a six-punch combination, Steele stepped in.

"The stoppage was fair," Tiozzo said. "I got up and wanted to go on. To save myself, I wanted to throw myself into him, but I missed . . . "

(6-5-92)

David Kelly

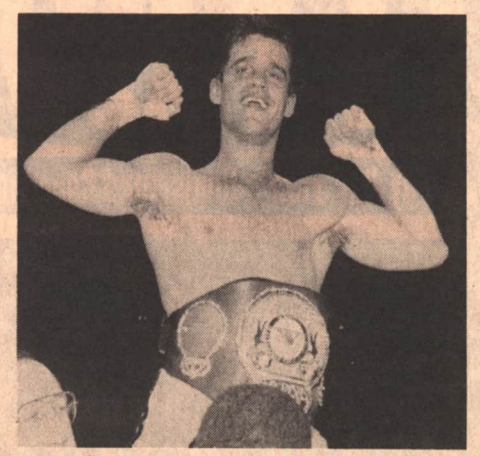
Joey Gamache KO 8 Chil Sung Chun,

Portland, Maine—It's becoming a summer ritual: Gamache lures some obscure but highly rated contender to the Pine Tree State and wins a vacant WBA title. Not quite a year after he dispatched South Africa's Jerry Ngobeni to take the 130-pound crown, Gamache boxed circles around South Korean Chun and grabbed the lightweight title.

Chun, 135, was the WBA's top contender, but had fought only three times in three years. Weary of battling the scales, Gamache, 135, Lewiston, Maine, had surrendered the 130-pound belt last summer.

Gamache's hand speed was an immediate factor, his jab a puzzle Chun never solved. Chun stalked patiently and landed some looping shots, but Gamache's in-and-out tactics baffled him.

The bout graduated from a boxing lesson to a brawl after Chun, 18-2 (11), emerged from a second-round clinch with a bad cut along his left eyebrow.



Gamache is two-for-two

His corner sent him out slugging in the third, but all his efforts brought was a warning for butting from referee Stanley Christodoulou. By the end of the round, the Korean's right eye was sliced at the outside corner.

(Christodoulou said both of Chun's cuts were opened by punches. Gamache, however, said the first cut was the result of an unintentional butt.)

Gamache's precise combinations negated Chun's single-punch style, and in the middle rounds, the local favorite's body attack drained his foe. After round eight, two doctors met with Christodoulou in Chun's corner, and the bout was halted.

At the time of the stoppage, Gamache led by scores of 80-72 (twice) and 80-73.

"I tried to outskill him," Gamache said. "I knew he'd be aggressive, so I trained to outspeed him.

"You still haven't seen the best Joey Gamache. That's going to come out against a Jorge Paez, a Tony Lopez, or a Brian Mitchell—maybe even a Pernell Whitaker. It's inevitable."

There may still be questions about Gamache, 29-0 (18), but he's now brought two world titles home to Maine, and the home folks are feeling awfully optimistic.

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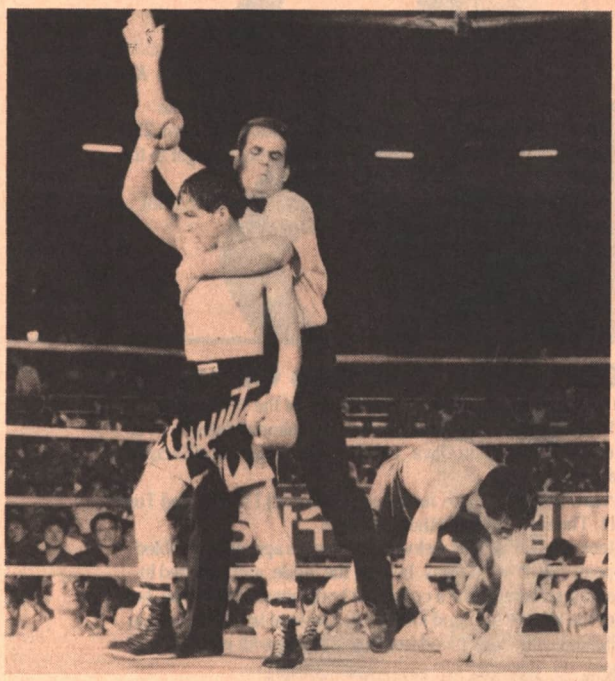
Jay N. Miller



"Chiquita" completes his dramatic comeback

Humberto Gonzalez KO 12 Kwang Sun Kim,

Seoul, South Korea—WBC junior flyweight champion Gonzalez, 108, registered a dramatic come-from-behind TKO over the previously unbeaten Kim, 108, at the 55-second mark of the 12th and final round before a crowd of 15,000 at the Olympic Fencing Gymnasium.

It was only the seventh time in world title fight history that a fighter trailing on points rallied to score a last-round kayo. After 11 rounds, Kim, a 1988 Olympic gold medalist, led by two scores of 105-103 (Herbert Minn and Marty Denkin) and 104-103 (Chuck Williams). All three judges were from the United States.

Kim, 5-1 (4), attacked throughout and piled up points. But with 20 seconds remaining in round 11, the switch-hitting "Chiquita" connected with a vicious left that dropped the challenger onto the seat of his pants. Kim was saved by the bell.

Gonzalez, 33-1 (25), swarmed in the 12th and scored two more knockdowns. American referee Toby Gibson's stoppage was perfectly timed, and none of the spectators protested.

It was the Mexican's second defense of his second reign.

Promoter: Hwarang Promotions

(6-7-92)

Joe Koizumi

Hiroki Ioka W 12 Bong Jun Kim,

Osaka, Japan—Lanky speedster Ioka, 107½, retained the WBA junior flyweight title for the second time, scoring a unanimous decision over former WBA 105-pound champion Kim, 107¾, after 12 fast-paced rounds before 10,000 fans at the Osaka Prefectural Gymnasium.

Scoring: Michael Fischer (Germany), 117-112; Manuel Gonzalez (Panama), 116-114; and Chalerm Prayadsab (Thailand), 116-112. The referee was Puerto Rico's Waldemar Schmidt.

Over the first six rounds, the 5'7½" champion counterpunched with precision. Kim, 23-8-3 (10), attacked with some success from rounds seven through 12, but Ioka, 23, kept control by answering with hooks. Kim's finest moment came only seconds before the final bell, when he stunned Ioka, 21-2-1 (9), with a combination. But he lacked the time to follow up.

Promoter: Green Tsuda Promotions

(6-15-92)

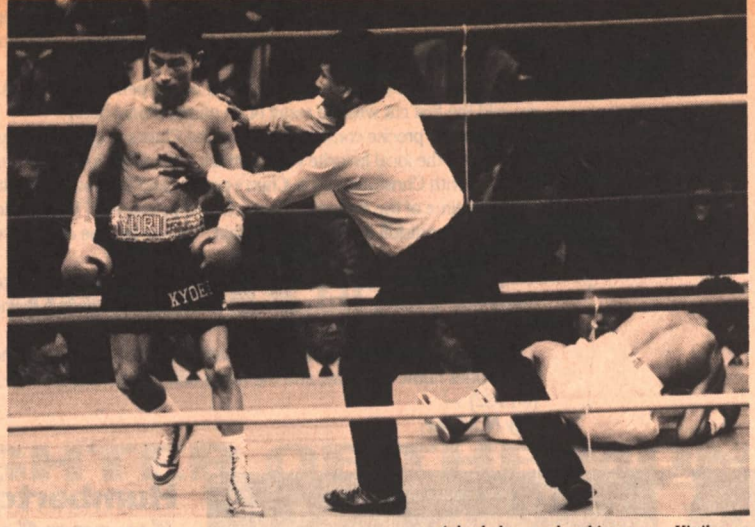
Joe Koizumi

Yuri Arbachakov KO 8 Muangchai Kittikasem,

Tokyo, Japan—More than 10,000 fans were on hand at the Ryogoku Sumo Arena to witness history: Arbachakov became boxing's first Russian-born world champion when he stopped WBC flyweight titlist Kittikasem with one second remaining in round eight.

The hard-punching challenger, 111¾, 13-0 (12), opened by scoring with sharp jabs and left-right combinations. Arbachakov, who is based in Japan, where he fights under the name Yuri Ebihara, was dropped in the third by a quick one-two to the face. But he retaliated with a furious attack and, in the same round, felled Kittikasem, 19-2 (11), Thailand, with a long hook and a left-right. The champion, who was making his fourth defense, survived a tough fourth round, and tried to seize control in the fifth, but failed.

Arbachakov, 25, dominated the sixth with four-punch combinations that kept the champion on the defensive. Kittikasem won the seventh solely on aggressiveness, as



Arbachakov makes history vs. Kittikasem

Arbachakov avoided many of his bombs. The Russian changed his strategy in the eighth, pinning his foe against the ropes with light but accurate rallies. Kittikasem, 23, tried to fire back, but Arbachakov sent him down, face-first, with a counter right to the chin. Mexican referee Jose Medina counted him out at the 2:59 mark.

After seven rounds, Arbachakov led by scores of 69-64 (Australia's Gus Mercurio), 68-65 (New Zealand's Bruce McTavish), and 67-65 (the USA's Tony Perez).

Arbachakov is Japan's 33rd world champion.

Promoter: Kyoei Promotions.

(6-23-92)

Joe Koizumi

Buddy McGirt W 12 Patrizio Oliva,

Naples, Italy—In what was a predictably difficult first defense of the WBC welterweight title, McGirt, 143¾, Hauppauge, New York, scored a unanimous decision over former WBA junior welterweight champion Oliva, 146¼, Naples, at Il Parco D'Acqua Di Napoli, an outdoor water park.

Guiseppe Ferrari (Italy) saw it 116-112, Jose Juan Guerra (Mexico) 118-110, and Tom Kaczmarek (USA) 118-111. The referee was Arthur Mercante.

Oliva, 33, never threatened to win, but his awkward, defensive approach troubled the champion. The European titlist moved away, held on the inside, and punched in sudden bursts. McGirt was forced to settle for a consistent body attack. Otherwise, he cut his foe at the corner of the left eye in round four, landed several hooks to the chin during seventh-round infighting, and drew blood from Oliva's nose with jabs in round 12.

Oliva, 57-2 (20), rallied only in the eighth, during which he repeatedly connected with one-twos. But his right hand was little more than a slap, and McGirt, 57-2-1 (44), was never hurt.

"I tried for a knockout in the early rounds, then came to my senses in the seventh or eighth," said McGirt. "I had the match under control from the first to the last round."

Afterward, Oliva announced his retirement.

(6-25-92)

Rodolfo Blanco W 12 Dave McAuley,

Bilbao, Spain—When these two met in September 1990, McAuley had a hard time keeping his feet, but had no trouble nailing Blanco. This time, the Irishman managed to retain his balance, but not the IBF flyweight title.

The IBF mandated this bout after McAuley-Blanco I, during which Blanco dropped his foe four times but still managed to lose on points. McAuley managed to squeeze in two bouts before the return. It would be the champion's sixth and final defense, as Blanco, 112, Colombia, was awarded a unanimous decision in a stirring battle at a local basketball hall. The scores: 114-113 (twice) and 115-112. The referee was Steve Smoger.

McAuley, 112, opened the fight tentatively, perhaps affording the challenger too much respect. In round two, Blanco, 26-6-1 (17), rocked the champion with a hook that forced him to retreat and cover up along the ropes.

After being hurt by a pair of hooks in round five, Blanco, 31, rebounded to batter McAuley, 18-3-2 (8), in the sixth and seventh. He applied constant pressure, and McAuley responded only with single-punch salvos. Two more hard rights staggered McAuley in the eighth.

The champion, who was cut beneath the right eye, finally began to rally in the late rounds. Blanco lost a point in round nine for punching low, but secured his victory with a strong 11th, during which he had McAuley pinned on the ropes.

After the decision was announced, Barney Eastwood, McAuley's manager and promoter, stormed around the ring, protesting the verdict and shouting accusations of "trickery" and "thievery." The decision, however, seemed on target.

(6-11-92) ■

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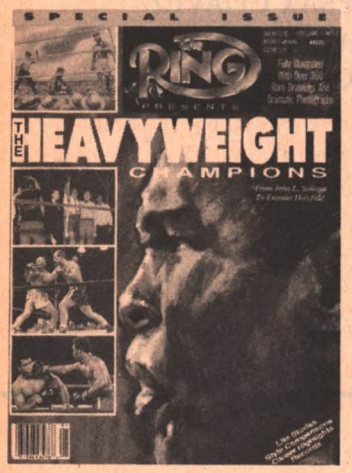

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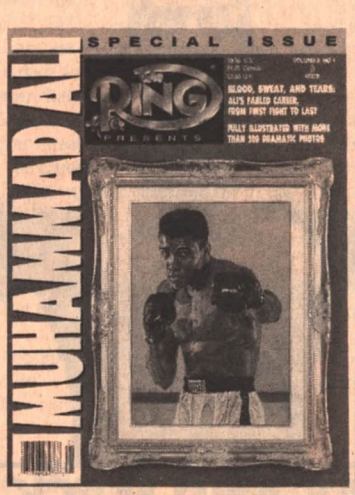

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Chavez-Camacho

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macho seemed intent on making history repeat itself. He was 151 pounds, 11 over the junior welterweight limit, the week before the fight, and dehydrated himself in making weight. Finishing sluggishly again, he left the ring before the decision was announced, convinced he had lost again.

"I thought it was close, and I thought they were gonna take it from me again," Camacho said. "I was going to the locker room so I could cry in there." Instead, he was awarded a split decision.

Camacho, 30, has not fought since, the 15-month layoff between his second bout with Haugen and a scheduled August tuneup for the Chavez fight marking the longest period of inactivity in his career. In January, he was supposed to usher in boxing at The Paramount, the successor to the Felt Forum at Madison Square Garden, but he pulled out of a fight with Carl Griffith without explanation.

Such erratic behavior gave rise to speculation that Camacho was doing drugs. Camacho, who was arrested in Florida a few years ago and charged with cocaine possession, denies this.

There have been several times, however, when Camacho seemed to be out of control. At the "Boxer of the Decade" awards in Atlantic City in 1990, he strutted across the stage during a film eulogizing the late Donald Trump executive, Mark Grossinger Etess, hollering, "It's Macho time." A shocked official of the Trump organization took note of the incident and said, "We will never promote another Camacho fight."

But while some have tired of Camacho's act, he still remains a hero to those who consider ostentatiousness to be a virtue. And even those who don't have a keen interest in his matches.

"It doesn't matter whether you love or hate the guy, he sells tickets," Haugen said. "I've heard people say, 'I hate him, I want to be there to see him get his clock cleaned.' "

King doesn't care whether pay-per-view subscribers love or hate Camacho, as long as they come across with the fee. He said he anticipates a buy rate of 4½ percent out of the 20-million addressable homes, which would make Chavez-Camacho one of the big-

gest non-heavyweight moneymakers of all-time.

"The response we're getting from the Spanish community is unbelievable," King said. "This fight is going to be the biggest yet with Hispanic fans, bigger even than Salvador Sanchez-Wilfredo Gomez. It's a monster attraction."

All that remains to be seen is whether Chavez and Camacho, both of whom are guaranteed a minimum of $3-million, put on a show worthy of the hype.

Chavez, a polite sort who normally has nothing but praise for opponents, goes from Dr. Jekyll to Mr. Hyde at the mere mention of Camacho's name.

"Camacho is full of bull," he said. "He thinks he is a king, and he is nothing."

Camacho loves it when he gets to the other guy, and he takes particular delight in tweaking Chavez' nose.

"I'm the only one who can beat him," he said of Chavez. "I'm the only one who's got the right style. Stick and move, great defense, lateral movement, use the whole ring, stick and hold, throw him off his plan.

"By no means do you turn your back and run. I won't do that. I'll fight off of the movement. I mean, Chavez is a stationary fighter. There's no way he can cut off the ring on me."

The feeling here is that Camacho, more motivated that at any time in recent memory, will come in fit and prepared for the fight of his life. But the years of living on the edge will take a toll in the later rounds, when Chavez' thudding body shots empty the Macho Man's gas tank.

Chavez by 10th-round TKO.

Bernard Fernandez is a boxing writer and columnist for the Philadelphia Daily News. ■

Tracy Patterson

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were surprised at Dad's reaction. He didn't vice-grip every extended hand in sight or carry on like a Little League parent on a Junior-just-went-four-for-five high. Floyd instead acted as though he'd just unwrapped his Father's Day present and found a necktie hiding inside the tissue paper for the 14th year in a row.

"This is the proudest moment of my

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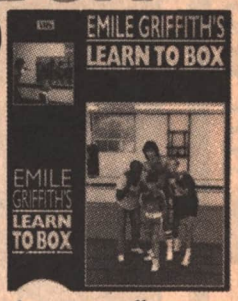

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Tracy Patterson

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life," the two-time heavyweight king told reporters in a voice usually reserved for conversations in a church pew during Mass. A smile forced its way onto his lips. "I'm very happy."

For Floyd, this is considered reacting on impulse. For anyone else, it would be considered reacting without a pulse.

Only Floyd Patterson could walk around with that I-told-you-I-knew-what-I-was-doing face and not appear the least bit smug. For at least a year, he'd been second-guessed for nailing Tracy's boxing shoes to the number-one contender spot in the WBC ratings, fighting tuneup after tuneup but no title bout. (Tracy became the WBC's top contender in November 1990.) He never changed his plan, not even when Tracy started bugging him for the big chance. As manager, trainer, father, and architect on the hotseat, Floyd was determined that absolutely nothing was going to go wrong.

He'd remembered how Tracy was decisioned by Jeff Franklin in 1987, and how he'd been decked and outpointed in his network TV debut against Steve Cruz in 1989. Maybe Tracy hadn't been quite ready for either of them. Floyd was also painfully aware of what happens when you take a fight just to prove that the sword is mightier than the pen. When your primary motivation is shutting up the critics. Against the wishes of *his* mentor, Cus D'Amato, Floyd had attacked the fearsome Sonny Liston twice, falling both times in one round.

So the Pattersons waited. And waited. It was as if Floyd took the most promising of racehorses, led him into the starting gate of The Kentucky Derby, The Preakness, and The Belmont, then marched him right back to the paddock as soon as the gate flew open and the other horses took off. By the time Tracy's tightly wound spring would finally uncoil, anything in its path was in line for a very large puncture wound.

"I'm overjoyed," Tracy said after giving France's Jacob a French toasting at the 50-second mark of the second round. "As soon as it was over, all that was going through my mind was two years as the number-one contender."

One of the benefits of patience was that the waiting game left the Patter-

sons challenging a champion who was more Sonny Listless than Sonny Liston. Jacob brought in a record of 38-2 (20), including a decision over Daniel Zaragoza that had earned him the crown in March. This much was known about him: He cut easily, and a win over even a ringworn Zaragoza meant that he knew how to fight at least a little.

Jacob was expecting Patterson to jump at the offer of a $140,000 purse if the fight was moved to France, but Patterson was doing a little expecting of his own. His wife, Connie, was due to give birth near the date of the bout, so he took only $55,000 and left Jacob to battle the effects of jet lag and airline roast beef. On fight night, though, Jacob was hardly treading into an intimidating lair. Only 4,092 fans were scattered about the 17,346 red and blue seats at Albany's Knickerbocker Arena, and the comforting shouts of the flag-waving Frenchmen who crossed the Atlantic with the champion could be heard loud and clear at ringside.

The battle itself was over with the first solid right hand Patterson landed. The southpaw champion gained a slight edge in the first two minutes, scoring with a pair of sharp uppercuts. But in the final 30 seconds, Patterson exploded with a short right that wobbled the Frenchman, and then bombed away with both fists. Jacob staggered, then fell as the bell sounded. He barely beat the count, wobbled into the ropes, and bounced into the arms of referee Arthur Mercante Jr.

The action could have been stopped right then, but Mercante let the champion come out for round two. Jacob probably won't thank him. Patterson, 45-2 (34), jumped on his quarry instantly, doubling him over with combinations and flooring him along the ropes. This time, Mercante stopped the slaughter without issuing a count.

"My plan was to work the body for the first half of the fight," Tracy said, "but I landed that big right hand. In a fight like that, instinct takes over."

Yeah, paternal instinct. Patterson left the ring without dripping any blood, and not much sweat, but he left behind a trail of ink that will never be washed away. Thirty-six years after Floyd had stopped Archie Moore to win the vacant heavyweight title, Tracy's win made the Pattersons the first father-son team in boxing history to capture world crowns. Honor thy father? In boxing, you can't do it any better than this.

It's an incredible statistic, and one that makes you wonder if somebody overlooked something. This is, after all, a sport where birth control ranks a few notches behind color of trunks on its participants' list of concerns, and 17 weight classes with three titles apiece offer a wider selection of fashionable belts than the menswear department of Macy's.

For a variety of reasons, however, father-son history had never happened. In families like the Alis, Haglers, and Leonards, the sons were disabused of any idea of sticking their faces in front of fists. In cases like that of Aaron Davis, the welterweight champion son of a journeyman, the kid was so much better than the old man. In cases like that of Marvis Frazier, the son inherited his father's heart, but not his hook. Other times, tragedy intervened before a career could even get started, like when Leon Calvin, the fighting son of Leon Spinks, was killed by gunfire. Always, *something* was missing from *someone*.

"I'd always known that there were no father-son champions," Floyd said, "and when Tracy started winning, I thought we might have a shot at the record. When he kept getting better, I was *convinced* we'd get it. His title is a lot more important than mine, and he's going to hold it a long time. That's why I got him all that experience."

The 122-pound division, all but forgotten since its greatest combatant, Wilfredo Gomez, departed in 1983, is enjoying a revival. Patterson's reign won't mirror the last two years of his title chase, or his dismantling of Jacob, for not all opponents are going to crumble the first time he whacks them. Among his potential challengers are powerhitting Rudy Zavala, '88 Olympic gold medalist Kennedy McKinney, multitalented Jesse Benavides, former champions Luis Mendoza and Raul Perez, and unbeaten prospect Richard Duran. And WBA champion Wilfredo Vasquez and IBF king Welcome Ncita would make for intriguing, if unlikely, unification showdowns.

But let's not rush things. A little breathing room is in order. After all, within a one-week period, the Pattersons were reunited with a boy they had rescued from an auto accident six years ago, Tracy won the world championship, and Tracy and Connie became parents when a baby girl, Stacy, arrived on June 30.

"With everything that's happened,"

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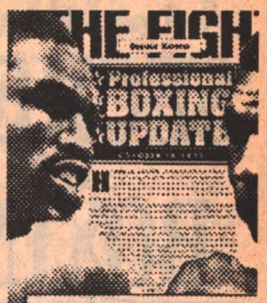

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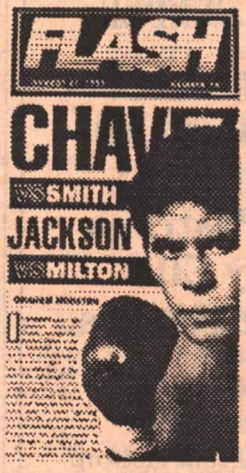

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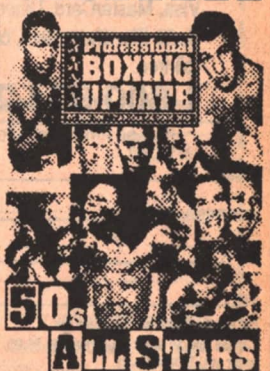

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Tracy Patterson

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Tracy said, "I'd rather spread these things out a little bit next time."

Next Father's Day, things should be a whole lot different. That boy who survived the accident, Colin DeVries, will probably be a regular face at ringside. Tracy won't have to keep a suitcase packed and an obstetrician's phone number at the ready during his training camp. And the champion will finally find out what it's like to unwrap a Father's Day gift of his own.

With Mommy's help, maybe Stacy will give Daddy the ideal present, something he can treasure forever.

Not a necktie or a belt, but a history book. ■

Tommy Morrison

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But there was that devastating right uppercut that connected flush on Hipp's jaw in the ninth round. Victory was snatched from the *jowls* of defeat. Instead of a punched ticket, Morrison is again on his way to becoming one of the hottest tickets in a sport starving for a new image. It doesn't matter if he has earned it. Even with his jaw wired shut, Morrison fits the image. The portly Hipp doesn't.

"We would be happy to use Tommy Morrison," said Rich Rose, the president of Caesars World Sports. "He's one of the better draws in the sport. Not too many guys in the heavyweight division are blowing people away with one punch."

What a difference one punch can make.

"Tommy Morrison has charisma, he's a banger, and he's white," said Rock Newman, manager of heavyweight contender Riddick Bowe. "He should be bordering on superstardom. He's a guy who could add glamour to the division."

Long before his dramatic network-televised knockout of Hipp, Morrison was on his way to superstardom. But in the first major fight of his career, his free ride was ended by Ray Mercer. Even though Mercer was battered and bloodied before scoring a stunning knockout, it was Morrison who was asked to relive only the fifth round, not the four that preceded it. The fight exposed all that was wrong with Morrison and his overcautious management team.

When Morrison finally returned to the ring, his handlers promised to upgrade the competition. And they did—slightly. In a variation from his usual punching-bag-with-a-pulse opponents, "The Duke" steamrolled Wimpy Halstead, Kimmuel Odum, and Art Tucker. But it would be Hipp, an 11-1 underdog, who would provide Morrison with more of a test than Team Morrison could have ever imagined.

Morrison set the tone early in round one by delivering a wicked hook to the southpaw's beltline. Hipp backed up, but wasn't about to go away. He was there to win, a rare trait among most Morrison opponents.

The first half of Morrison-Hipp said a lot about the new Tommy Morrison. He used his jab and right hand, rather than relying exclusively on his hook, and he punched in combination a bit more.

The biggest revelation, though, came in round four, when Hipp had the 23-year-old Morrison teetering on the edge of consciousness. Two lefts backed Morrison to the ropes, then a stiff left-right buckled his knees and opened a cut above his right eye. It was Morrison's first moment of distress since the Mercer fight. And he didn't unravel. Instead, he fired back a vicious hook that threatened to decapitate Hipp.

Round five would be even more significant. Morrison, hurt and bleeding, came back to floor Hipp and win the round. He snapped Hipp's head back with a hellacious right uppercut, and followed with two jabs and a sizzling cross. Hipp wound up flat on his back.

But rather than pursue his foe in round five, Morrison remained calm. He allowed his opportunity to slip by and fought much of the remainder of the fight at a measured pace. Since the loss to Mercer, Morrison has been deliberately pacing himself. And while he was able to get away with it against the Bobby Quarrys and Wimpy Halsteads of the boxing world, his newfound patience cost him rounds against Hipp.

"He had to fight a survival fight," said co-manager Bill Cayton. "I was concerned. I don't know of many other fighters who could have done what Tommy did."

It wasn't revealed until after the

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fight that Morrison suffered a broken jaw, which Cayton claims occurred in round two. Morrison was expected to be sidelined for five or six weeks, and is tentatively scheduled to fight in late-October against Carl Williams or Alex Garcia. Until the wires are removed from his jaw, he will ingest fluids through a syringe. Co-manager John Brown expects Morrison to lose a pound a day.

It wasn't until after the fourth round that Morrison's corner realized the jaw was broken. At the close of round seven, Brown threatened to stop the fight, but Morrison insisted on continuing. Between rounds, Brown consulted Morrison's personal physician, Dr. Brent Koprivika.

"Dr. Koprivika told me that if Tommy could continue taking the pain, the jaw would probably not sustain any more damage," he said.

As the fight continued, Morrison, who had never gone past six rounds, was visibly tired. There was little snap on his punches, and Hipp was routinely tagging him with hard lefts.

The second half of Morrison-Hipp revealed that the new Tommy Morrison is not unlike the old Morrison: His stamina is questionable; when he can't score a knockout, he doesn't have quite enough boxing ability to win; and his defense is almost non-existent.

"I knew Tommy was an authentically tough guy, which may be more of a weakness," said Cayton. "Cus D'Amato used to say, 'Tough guys think it's beneath them to slip punches. They're usually willing to take one in order to give one.' "

Morrison, 33-1 (29), took plenty against Hipp. But then came the ninth round, and all was forgiven, if not forgotten. Morrison found his second wind and essentially took the wind out of Hipp with a right uppercut. Hipp, 24-3 (16), went down for the second time in the fight and struggled to his feet by the count of nine. Referee Vic Drackulich, however, had seen enough and ended the contest at 2:47 of the round. At the time of the stoppage, Keith McDonald and Herb Santos both had Morrison ahead 76-75, while Doug Tucker had the bout scored 76-75 for Hipp.

"Obviously," said Brown, "we're proud of the way he came back from adversity, put it all together, and scored a knockout."

Indeed. The immediacy of the victory was cause for celebration. Morrison triumphed in a very honorable way. He fought and *won* with a broken jaw, something not even Sonny Liston, Muhammad Ali, and Razor Ruddock could accomplish. And Morrison twice floored a man who power-puncher Smokin' Bert Cooper failed to knock down once.

But after the drama and excitement was stripped away, there wasn't much praise to heap. Morrison showed little improvement. By knocking out Hipp, he did not prove to anyone that he is ready to assume the role of heavyweight champion. Should Morrison, or any top heavyweight contender, for that matter, have been in a life-and-death fight with Joe Hipp?

"Tommy Morrison is a real dangerous fighter," said Newman. "But because he's never learned how to fight, he's a very beatable fighter. Bowe and Tommy Morrison started out at roughly the same time. Bowe is a much, much better fighter than he was three years ago. Tommy Morrison is not much different. He was dangerous then and he's dangerous now. He was beatable then and he's beatable now. He's never had anyone to teach him how to fight. And I think that's a shame. A prospect like that deserved much better."

Brown's first reaction to Newman's quote was to issue a challenge. He suggested each party put up $500,000, and the winner take all. The catch is, he wasn't talking about Bowe and Morrison getting it on, but rather he and Newman. With that said, Brown focused on Morrison's weaknesses. He spoke about his fighter having to move his head more to slip punches. He also said he'd like to see Morrison punch in combination more often.

"We know we still have a lot of work to do," he admitted. "We see improvements in the gym. But Tommy hasn't been able to bring it all to the surface yet."

If there is more to Morrison than good looks and a potent punch, it is time for it to surface. He has endured two of the more vicious beatings this side of Mike Tyson's opponents, and now must show he's capable of building off the experiences.

"He's looking forward to winning the heavyweight championship," Brown said. "He seems anxious to get back into it."

And perhaps learn a thing or two along the way. ■

Knockout Brown

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er, and the name stuck. In an era when boxers went by the popular monikers of Kid and Young, Brown had the audacity to be called Knockout, and the ability to back it up. He quickly became a crowd favorite, filling boxing halls from Buffalo to Baltimore. But he remained the pride of Manhattan's Lower East Side, training at the local Boys' Club and leaving more than a handful of tickets for his neighborhood buddies.

"Brown had many weird and outlawed habits, even for a southpaw," wrote Harry Grayson. "He appeared to have an awkward and impossible stance. He held his right hand in an improper position. But he kept on winning. He was so wrong he was right."

Brown fought just after the turn of the century, at a time when decisions were outlawed, and fans, mostly for the benefit of settling bets, turned to the morning sports sections to learn the winners of the matches. It was also a time when managers not only controlled their fighters, but often the press as well. A crafty manager could get his charge recognized as a champion just by getting to the ear—or the wallet—of a writer. For this, Brown had Daniel Francis Morgan, who was among the most crafty handlers in history. The writers called him "Dumb Dan." Morgan wowed listeners with his ability to stretch a quick reply into a two-hour speech. He also wired back to New York the most informative and colorful accounts of Brown's out-of-town bouts. Some of the details were even true.

But Brown didn't need Morgan to pad his statistics. Long before fighter and manager met, word of Brown's ability to send an opponent crashing to the canvas with one punch was legendary. What Brown needed was someone to move him. That was Morgan's specialty.

In the spring of 1891, Brown was born in New York City to a large German family. He grew up in the Gas House District, one of the Lower East Side's toughest sections. It was no surprise when he decided to make a living

as a boxer; Brown had been fighting since the first day he ventured onto the city's streets without the protection of his strong and rather large mother.

Fate, it seemed, played a practical joke on Brown. His hair was so blond that it was almost white, and a cowlick prevented it from ever appearing combed. And he had those eyes that never pointed in the same direction. Corrective surgery, or even glasses, were out of the question for a lad whose father barely eked out a living hauling ice. It's safe to assume that young Brown learned to defend himself—or at the very least, fight back—at an early age.

But what bothered Brown most about his childhood was that he was poor. He quit school at an early age to work in a pencil factory, and when he found out he could actually get paid for fighting, well, it was time to *really* start working. Brown had grown into a solid block of muscle. He had a stocky build, powerful arms, a barrel chest, and legs as strong as iron pillars. Moreover, he could take a punch. He turned pro at 16, and in his debut, he knocked out three opponents in one night.

"Get this guy out of here before he knocks out the joint," the referee was reported to have cried.

Brown was paid $2 for the night's work and was supposed to split the purse with his manager.

"I made him chase me around the block three times to get half of it," Brown later recalled. "I gave him 50 cents and a note for the other half."

While it was Brown's left hand that usually delivered the deadly blow, the knockout almost always started with his eyes. Opponents just couldn't figure out where Brown was looking. When they stared in his eyes, only one looked back. The left eye was focused on who knows what. Look at his left eye and, *wham*, you ate a right to the face. Look in his right eye and, *bam*, you ate a crushing left to the jaw. Funny, but what brought Brown the most grief in his childhood turned out to bring him the most glory as an adult.

He scored 34 kayos in 1908, his first year as a pro, and was christened "Knockout" Brown by ring announcer Ben Rosenthal. Actually, Brown's last name was Braun. Before one fight, his manager instructed him to have the ring announcer introduce him as "Young Muldoon." But by the time Brown reached the center of the ring, he had forgotten the instructions. When asked his name by the announcer, the fighter replied "Brown," since that was how his friends on the Lower East Side pronounced Braun.

Brown's kayos aside, his career was directionless. On April 1, 1909, he flattened Young O'Leary in five rounds. Dan McKettrick and Willie Lewis saw the fight and decided to take over the management end of his career. But Lewis wanted Brown to box, while McKettrick told him to fight. Brown was confused, and after five no-decision bouts, he was pumelled for 10 rounds by Willie Jones. McKettrick and Lewis decided he was too much of a risk and let him go. Brown spent the next three months hanging around the Boys' Club, waiting for someone to get him a fight.

Enter Morgan. He was sitting in his office at the Chelsea Club one afternoon when a couple of his buddies entered with Brown in tow. "Can you give him a break?" they asked.

Morgan, according to Jimmy Cannon, had the opportunity to become "propagandist for the fighter who didn't have a chance." The sight of this pathetic-looking kid who didn't say a word while his friends pleaded his case was too much for Morgan to pass up.

Pal Moore was in town at the time to fight England's Harry Thompson at the Olympic in Harlem. But Thomas hurt his hand while training and pulled out. One of the promoters called Morgan.

"I suggested using Brown," Morgan later recalled. "I told him frankly that I didn't know how good Brown was, but that he was a strong kid and could sock with his left hand. They were willing to take a chance, and the substitution was made."

The fight took place on December 7, 1909. Moore opened up with a barrage of rights to Brown's face.

"I bet he hit Kayo flush on the nose 20 times," Morgan said. "When I saw how the kid took it, I congratulated myself. Taking a punch on the nose is my test of gameness. A fellow may take a punch in the stomach or on the chin and still not be any too game, but when his nose has been banged a few times and the blood starts to congeal in it and his eyes commence to water, I say when that happens to a fellow and he keeps plugging along, he's game."

The first round ended and Brown pleaded with Morgan, "Let me fight him." Morgan agreed, and the next nine rounds were even. Moore left the ring after the final round with welts and bruises on his chest and stomach.

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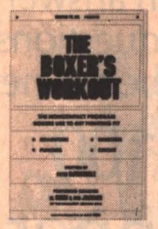

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Brown lost the newspaper decision but won over Morgan, who had five other fighters in his stable. He released all five the following day.

Under Morgan's direction, Brown became the hottest box office attraction in New York, and once won a newspaper-run popularity contest by a 2-to-1 margin. First prize was a brand new automobile.

Hundreds of fans were turned away from the doors each time he fought, which was often, since Brown was motivated by the dollar, and more fights meant more money. He brought all his winnings home to his mother, and later invested in some New Jersey real estate.

"They never had to pass a hat for old Kayo," Morgan said years after Brown's retirement.

Brown went after the best in the lightweight and neighboring divisions, fighting the likes of Willie Beecher, Bert Keyes, One-Round Hogan, Leach Cross, Boyo Driscoll, Joe Coster, Matt Wells, Matty Baldwin, Abe Attell, Wolgast, and Murphy. He fought up and down the East Coast, and ventured out to Cleveland to knock out Sammy Trott in three rounds.

He worked so often that fans and writers had a hard time keeping up with his pace. So did Brown. While on a train up to New Haven, Connecticut, to fight Keyes in November 1911, Brown overheard a passenger say, "I heard Yale upset Brown yesterday." Brown jumped up and headed for Morgan, who was sitting with a couple of writers in another car. "Who's this Yale guy? I never fought him," Brown shouted.

So Brown didn't know colleges from boxers. He also had a hard time identifying furry forest creatures. After getting Brown started, Morgan took on more fighters, and at one time had welterweight Jack Britton, light heavyweight Battling Levinsky, and middleweight Al McCoy—all champions. He decided to open a training camp in the Connecticut woods, along the shores of Long Island Sound. One afternoon, Brown contended that he could catch an opossum with his bare hands. He walked into the woods and returned with a small, black animal that differed from an opossum in the length of the tail and the odor it produced. The other boxers fled the camp when they saw Brown walking with a skunk in his arms.

"We had to bury Brown's clothes," said Morgan. "For a time, we considered burying Brown."

Morgan was able to keep the negative aspects of Brown's personal life out of the papers. When, however, he was arrested for inciting a riot and possessing a concealed weapon, the story made headlines. Brown had been hauled into night court with a couple of neighborhood roughs. The concealed weapon turned out to be a small pocket knife that he used to peel apples, and the riot was nothing more than a spirited game of kick the can. The judge ordered Brown and the boys out of his court with instructions never to return again. Brown was in a dead run heading out of the courthouse when he ran smack into a reporter.

"Don't let any of this hit the papers," he begged. "My mother will lick me if she hears about this."

Every paper in New York carried the story on the front page.

By 1911, the Philadelphia sportswriters cried for a Wolgast-Brown bout. Brown had fought in the city during a boxing benefit, and the writers, knowing good copy when they saw it, demanded he fight Wolgast, who was the reigning lightweight champion.

Their fight, fought in February, belonged to Brown. For 10 rounds, the teenager knocked his older opponent across the ring. Wolgast tried to make sense of Brown's eyes, all the while absorbing blow after blow. After it was over, Wolgast claimed he had been nursing an injured right arm, broken in a fight several months before. Then he admitted that he hadn't taken Brown seriously. The press bought none of it. Brown was declared the unanimous winner in the newspapers. (He didn't win the title; in the era of no-decision bouts, a challenger had to knock out a champion in order to dethrone him.)

Sitting ringside that night was Harlem Tommy Murphy, who was also known as "The Pride Of Brooklyn." He wanted another crack at Brown, having lost a 10-round paper decision three months earlier. He'd have to wait his turn, though. A Brown-Wolgast rematch was quickly arranged and set for March in New York. It mattered little that Wolgast knew what he was getting himself into this time around. Brown pounded him throughout the

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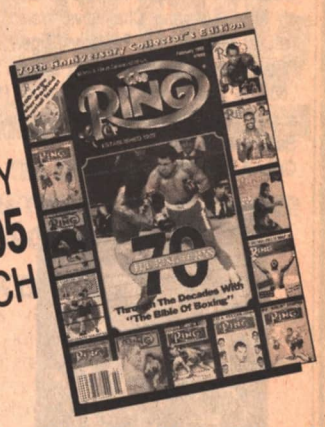

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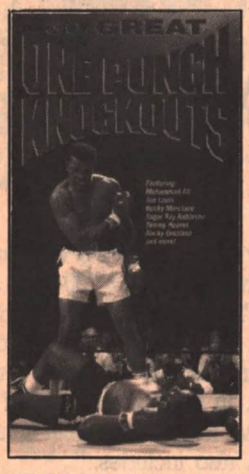

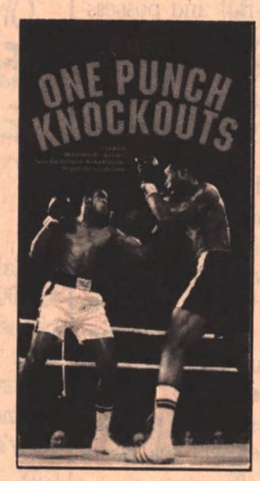

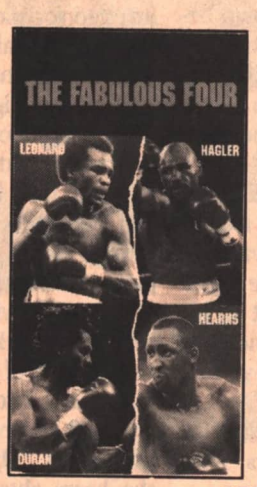

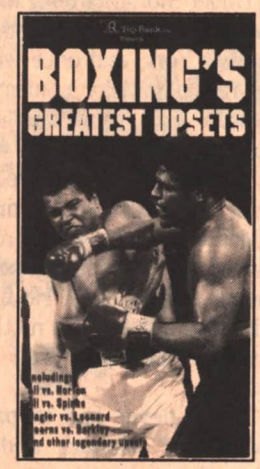

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first round and had him hanging on the ropes near the end of the second. But then he turned toward Morgan and asked, "What do I do now?"

Morgan couldn't believe it. Wolgast couldn't believe it. Everyone in the house couldn't believe it. Brown, one punch away from winning the title, drew a blank. If he could have remembered his nickname, he would have won the title. Wolgast stumbled to his corner and recovered. He held on for the final eight rounds, and the papers called it a draw.

Brown made the following May a miserable month for Murphy. He won an easy 10-round paper decision in Brooklyn, and then, 13 days later, stopped Murphy in Harlem by first-round knockout. The fight was stopped after Murphy took his second spill through the ropes.

Leach Cross, another product of the Gas House District, was the first to return the favor to Knockout Brown by sending him to the canvas during their fight in December 1911. For Brown, it was his 101st professional bout, and he was still only 20. He scored a newspaper decision over featherweight champion Abe Attell, and, later that year, hit Ray Wood so hard that he split his glove and sent the padding all over the ring. Still, it was apparent that Brown was slowing down. Of his 21 bouts that year, he ended only three by knockout. The headlines, which once screamed the news of his early-round triumphs, were growing a little tamer: "Knockout Brown Nearly Knocks Out Joe Bedell."

After one lackluster performance, this poem appeared in a New York City daily:

"Gone is the fistic fame
He knew in the bygone years;
Vanished the wild acclaim
Vanished the frantic cheers;
Faded the dream of youth
Of a lightweight champion's crown;
Morgan must face the truth—
It's the end of Kayo Brown."

They may have called him Dumb, but Morgan didn't need a flag to know which way the wind was blowing. So he took Brown and headed to Atlanta and New Orleans, and then, in 1913, to California. The idea: new towns, new results. And Morgan was partially right. After settling on the West Coast, Brown suffered the first two knockouts of his career. The first came at the hands of Joe Rivers. The bout was even after nine rounds, but in the 10th, Brown was floored five times.

Two months later, Bud Anderson kayoed Kayo in the 15th. Brown returned with Morgan to New York, and was promptly clocked in six rounds by Cross. He retired after losing a newspaper decision to Patsy Drouillard in February 1914. He had fought 133 times between 1909 and 1914, and scored 51 knockouts, with 30 of those coming in 1908. Brown retired to New Jersey, and made a living off his real estate ventures. He died in 1947.

Morgan won titles with Britton, Levinsky, and McCoy, yet always listed Brown as one of his favorites. Occasionally, he took some heat for the brevity of Brown's career, but, true to his nature, he was quick with a reply.

"I sent him into the ring often enough, but not nearly as often as he wanted me to," he claimed. "Fighting and getting paid was his idea of a great time."

And no one doubted that the cross-eyed wonder from the Lower East Side, who had come within a punch of being the lightweight champion, had a great time while it lasted. ■

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Holyfield & Bowe

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Cooper. But Holmes wasn't able to make him pay for it, as Cooper had.

Although Holyfield has yet to be tested by the likes of Bowe, his handlers point out that the champion has withstood the power of Foreman. They forget, however, that Foreman had to wind up before throwing his punches. And when he did, he was often off-balance, and his blows failed to land with the fury that marked his prime. Team Holyfield also mentions that "The Real Deal" got past Michael Dokes' fast fists. But those fast hands never carried much power.

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Clearly, this will be the first heavyweight title bout since Holyfield-Douglas that will be at least perceived as both exciting and competitive.

What Bowe's supporters must keep in mind, though, is that this will be his first title fight. And *every* challenger has more than a small case of butterflies before stepping in the ring. Bowe will probably need a few rounds to collect himself, which will allow Holyfield to try to strip him of his confidence. By the middle rounds, the fight will become a battle of wills. And that is one area where Holyfield has already proven himself.

"Forget it," Bowe said, "I'll take his will from him. I've got the tools to remove it."

Big talk considering Bowe's recent competition. As of this writing, his last six rivals have been Bigfoot Martin, Conroy Nelson, Elijah Tillery, Phil Brown, Bruce Seldon, and Rodolfo Marin. Some lineup. Bowe insists, however, that his camp had approached Lennox Lewis, Tommy Morrison, and Ray Mercer.

"Even though I've never fought a top-10 guy, [trainer] Eddie Futch said I was ready for Holyfield three years ago," said Bowe. "So I most certainly must be ready for him now. You know, I feel kind of sorry for Holyfield."

Come fight time, Bowe will likely be favored to beat Holyfield. For the first time in Holyfield's reign, a distinct possibility exists that the championship *will* change hands.

"You know why?" said Bowe's manager, Rock Newman. "Not only will Holyfield be fighting a man under 40, he won't be fighting a man whose brassiere size is *over* 40." ■

Pat Barrett

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council flats [public housing]. There's no bought property—it's all council houses. You were always living in council houses, living on supplemental benefits—that's what kind of upbringing Collyhurst was.

"There's worse places now. I can take you and show you a place like Moss Side, dangerous places, like New York, where there's a lot of killings, drug wars, things like that."

Moss Side is called "Britain's Bronx." Police recently videotaped more than 300 drug deals on one streetcorner in one 24-hour period. If Moss Side is the equivalent of the South Bronx, then Collyhurst is Britain's mean streets of Jersey.

As Barrett, 32-1-1 (24), was finishing a workout on a brisk spring day, a slight teenage girl stood outside the gym and waited for a bus. She had a blackened left eye and said her clothes hid bruised ribs, sustained when she was jumped by a group of girls for going out with one of their boyfriends. Across the street was a billboard advertising a number to call to report child abuse.

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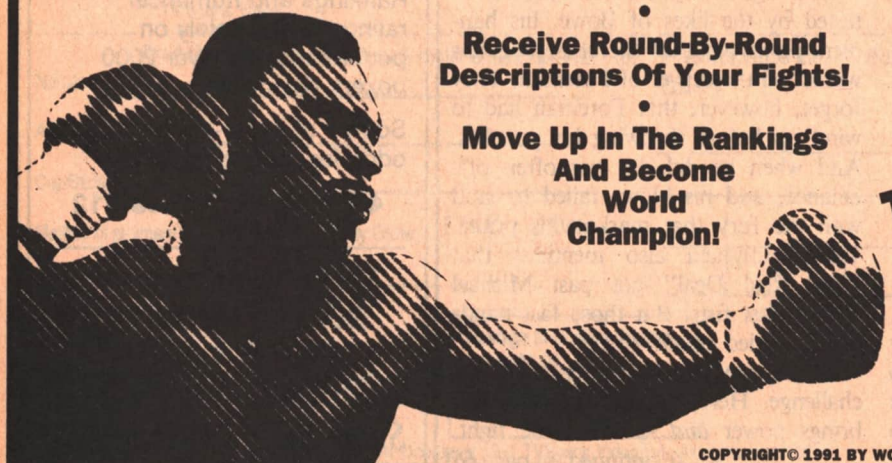

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British prize fighters of recent vintage into two groups. One is the safety-first, European-style artists like Eubank, Herol Graham, and Kirkland Laing. The other is the kamikaze brawlers like Nigel Benn, Tony Sibson, and Cornelius Boza-Edwards, who are long on excitement, but short on technique.

Barrett doesn't like to be put in either category. One look at his dreadlock hair, flashy earring, and gold tooth tells you he is not one of those Britons who likes to do things *proper*.

"He's one of the most explosive fighters we have in the country," said Harry Mullan, editor of the British-based *Boxing News*. "He's quite vulnerable in that he's easy to hit, but when he hits you, the night's usually over. He's not the best fighter in the country, but one of the most destructive."

The Collyhurst and Moston Lads Club is different from most English gymnasiums. Trainer Brian Hughes sees to that. You get an idea of what you've happened upon when Hughes confesses his opinion of national boxing treasure Henry Cooper: "I never thought much of him. I always fancied the great American boxers like Sugar Ray Robinson and Muhammad Ali."

If you walk up the winding stairs over the grocery to the gym, the first thing you'll notice is the British flag, along with the gym's seal, painted on the wall behind the tiny ring. That is where the resemblance to other English gyms ends. The first thing Hughes does when he arrives is turn up the heater, a trick he learned in the '70s from Emanuel Steward at the Kronk Gym in Detroit.

Not seeing the usual standup British style in such a setting is like walking into a gym in Philadelphia that doesn't believe in sparring, or finding a club in Mexico where they don't throw the left hook to the body. Because it ignores such tradition, and because amateurs are trained like pros there, Hughes' gym has something of an outlaw reputation among its rivals.

Hughes, 53, began making treks to the United States in the 1960s, traveling to New York, Detroit, Las Vegas, and Florida to pick up ideas he could bring back to Manchester. He's made more than 20 such trips. His fighters are trained more like Americans than Britons, and the influence has rubbed off on Barrett, his star pupil.

"Everything we do is American style," Hughes says. "The only thing we do different than the Americans is emphasize defense. In America, your offense is your defense. I want my fighters to be craftsmen, like in the old days."

That's why Barrett and his gymmates cringe at the suggestion that they are, after all, British fighters.

"I ain't a great British fighter, I am the best fighter that Britain's ever had," Barrett says in his thick accent. "I don't respect British fighters, and I am British myself. As far as my work is concerned, it's not British.

"I look at myself as an exciting fighter. I've got all the artillery. I have my own style. I can knock out the class Americans—a lot of British fighters won't get near American fighters."

The most notable U.S. scalps on Barrett's resume are New Yorker John Rafuse (KO 6), Dana Roston (KO 4), survivor Dwayne Swift (W 10), and former contender Mike Johnson (KO 2). He won the European title by beating Efrem Calamati in Italy last summer, and defended that crown three times.

"I'm a journeyman," Barrett says. "What I mean by journeyman is I'll travel. I'll fight you in England, I'll fight you in America. I've taken titles from people's home ground and brought them to *my* home ground.

"I went to London, which is out of my town, to fight for the British title, and I took the British title back. I went to Italy to fight for the European, and I took that title back. I defended my title three times successfully, and they were all by knockout, so I'm quite confident in everything I do."

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Barrett's break seemingly came in February, when he lured welterweight Manning Galloway to Manchester for a crack at the WBO welterweight title, a championship he apparently holds in higher regard than most. But Galloway pulled out just days before the fight with a hand injury.

"At first I couldn't believe it happened," Barrett said of the postponement. "I was as close as me to you to fighting for the world title. He'd come all the way, he was training in England, he went to the final press conference, and then he pulled out. Me personally, I don't think it was legitimate. But who am I to cross-examine the doctors?"

Barrett was stripped of the European title when he postponed his scheduled fourth defense after promoter Frank Warren posted funds to bring

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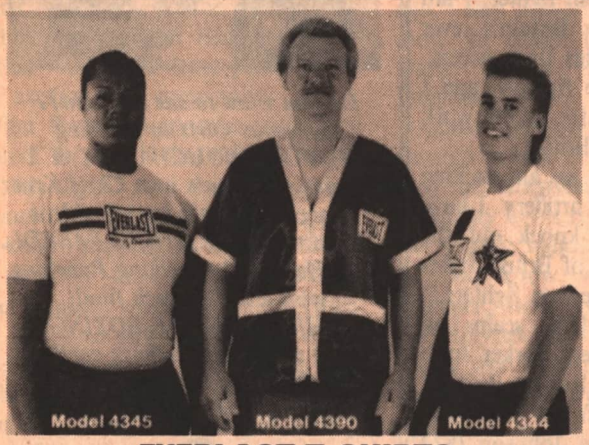

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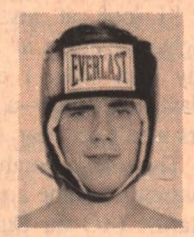

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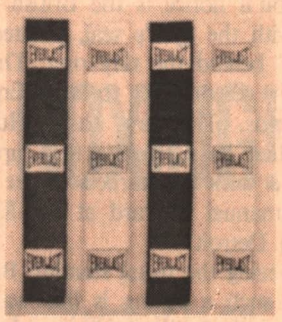

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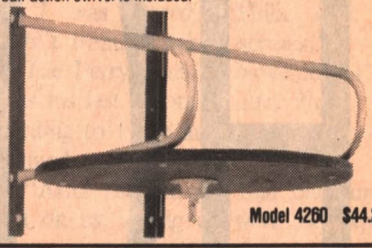

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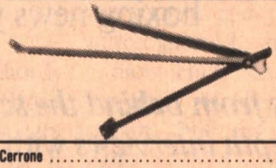

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Galloway back for a July date in Manchester.

While he is ranked in the top five among junior welterweights by all three major sanctioning bodies, Barrett plans to campaign at welterweight if his challenge of Galloway is successful. Whether he stays at 140 or moves up is of little consequence to the fighter.

"I'm one of those kind of people that it doesn't bother me to take off weight," he said. "The discipline and sacrifices you have to make to make 140 is a lot of hard work.

"I like to eat a lot of junk food. I love me Kentucky Fried Chicken, McDonald's. I love West Indian food, I love me ham, bananas, dumplings, spicy chicken—I'm well into that. It's like having a kid. You know, you deprive him of his sweets and his toys. That's what I'm like when you take [away] me junk food."

"Were I managing him," said Mullan, "I would try to persuade him to stay at light welterweight because that's his biggest asset—he has the power of a welterweight in a light welterweight's body."

If and when he wins a world title, Barrett plans to buck the recent trend of British champions who have opted to make their defenses at home. Others may have different ideas.

Manchester is a sporting town, boasting the most successful soccer franchise in the country. Unlike America, where boxing ranks below football, baseball, basketball, hockey, and perhaps even auto racing in popularity, only soccer, cricket, and rubgy seem more popular with the British.

"Manchester is a city that's starving for a hero," Hughes said. "Pat is a wonderful defensive fighter, he's one of the best boxers in the world, and he's a puncher on par with Julian Jackson. When the fans see him fight, they'll be sitting on the edge of their seats waiting for something spectacular. If he was based in America, I think he would be very popular. I think him and Lennox Lewis are the best British fighters not to be world champions at the moment, and the two who have the best chance of winning the title and holding it a long time."

Hughes knew he had a rough gem when Barrett first wandered into the gym at age 16. He stayed back and watched for days before approaching the affable but hard-nosed trainer.

"He reminded me of Sandy Saddler," said Hughes, "a big, tall, spindly fellow. He could always punch, and he has absolutely startling speed. He turned pro when he was 19, and the first year he had some sensational performances where he broke blokes' jaws and noses, but he didn't start settling down to punch proper until his second year."

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When Barrett talks about America, you can tell he sees it as boxing's holy land. He measures himself by American, not British, standards.

"I style myself after the American fighters, people like Sugar Ray Robinson, Thomas Hearns, Sugar Ray Leonard," he says. "I don't know how many boxing people know me in the States. Just don't underestimate Pat Barrett. It's only a matter of time before people know who I am." ■

Tommy Deas is a sportswriter for The Tuscaloosa (Alabama) News.

New Faces

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After the boys were caught, law enforcement officials couldn't believe anyone so young could be so vicious. Hillie was subjected to a battery of psychological tests at the Cedar Knoll and Oak Hill correctional facilities for boys.

At age 18, he was released. Shortly after, while visiting relatives in Rock Hill, he committed an armed robbery and was locked up for 6½ years. It was in jail that Hillie finally turned his life around.

He earned his high school diploma, took college courses, and, maybe most importantly, learned to box. Despite no background in the sport, Hillie became South Carolina Department of Corrections champion. He also became a model prisoner.

"I think President Bush should have a guy like Bama to show that everyone [in prison] is not a Willie Horton," said Earnest Jackson, Hillie's first cousin and co-manager.

In 1989, Hillie turned pro. Among his early victories was a decision over Richard "Hard Face" Mason, who is now a top-10 cruiserweight. In September 1990, Hillie was matched against rugged trialhorse Dean Moore. He survived a relentless attack and took an eight-round decision. The bout revealed his potential.

But instead of advancing his career the following year, Hillie backslid. He struggled to beat journeyman Nestor Flores, and then trained on his beloved beer for victories over Edwin Newby, Wayne McClanan, and Earnest Perry.

"I was scared," Hillie said. "I didn't train. I wasn't serious."

The Perry bout, in November 1991, was his last before he met Word. According to Hillie and Jackson, no one wanted to fight him.

"After Elbaum put that bad rumor out on us, saying we were too expensive, no one would even ask us [to fight]," said Jackson, pointing out that he had to pay McClanan and Perry out of his own pocket to step in with Hillie.

"We paid hotel, food, everything," Hillie said. "People were saying, 'too expensive,' and here we are paying fighters."

Fortunately for Hillie, he had caught the eye of IBF ratings chairman Doug Beavers. After Frank Tate and Virgil Hill failed to come to terms with USBA champion Word, Hillie was next in line.

He gave a virtuoso performance with brilliant technique. Usually a bobber and weaver, Word uncharacteristically attempted to get to Hillie by jabbing. But Hillie sidestepped, dipped, tied up, counterpunched, and won going away. He scored a knockdown in the fourth, and two others that went unrecognized by referee Rafael Ramos.

Now Hillie sits on the cusp of the big time. As he puts it, "I've got the dream, but my pocket is kind of light."

Jackson, looking to line up nothing but big-money fights, talks about a Washington-Maryland showdown with Andrew Maynard, or a bout with Tate.

For Da Bama, who has gone from 6½ years in prison to the self-proclaimed "baddest man in boxing," the time-tested combination of hard work and determination proved the key to a potentially boundless future.

"From where I came from to where I'm going," Hillie says, "is a 100,000-degree turn." ■

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Lennox Lewis (GB)	2	3	4
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Tony Tucker (USA)	4	8	9
Tim Witherspoon (USA)	5	6	6
George Foreman (USA)	6	4	1
Larry Holmes (USA)	7	7	12
Alex Stewart (JAM)	8	-	-
Phil Jackson (USA)	9	9	-
Ray Mercer (USA)	10	10	7
Pierre Coetzer (SA)	-	1	2
Frank Bruno (GB)	17	-	8
Tommy Morrison (USA)	12	-	10

CRUISERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Anaclet Wamba (FRA)	C	-	-
Bobby Czyz (USA)	-	C	-
James Warring (USA)	-	-	C
Orlin Norris (USA)	1	2	2
Derek Angol (GB)	2	3	4
Akim Tafer (FRA)	3	4	11
Alfred Cole (USA)	4	1	1
Nate Miller (USA)	5	-	-
Dennis Andries (GB)	6	7	-
Johnny Nelson (GB)	7	6	7
Massimiliano Duran (ITA)	8	-	-
Arthur Williams (USA)	9	-	6
Dwight Muhammad Qawi (USA)	10	5	-
Don Lalonde (CAN)	-	8	-
Bashiru Ali (NIG)	14	9	-
Richard Mason (USA)	11	10	-
Mike Hunter (USA)	-	-	3
Uriah Grant (USA)	-	12	5
Dmitrij Eliseev (RUSS)	19	-	8
Jason Waller (USA)	26	-	9
Marcelio Figueroa (ARG)	12	-	10

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Jeff Harding (AUSTRL)	C	-	-
Charles Williams (USA)	-	-	C
Frank Tate (USA)	1	1	1
David Vedder (USA)	2	-	-
Randall Yonker (USA)	3	10	-
Crawford Ashley (GB)	4	9	-
Henry Maske (GER)	5	3	5
Andrew Maynard (USA)	6	8	9
Esteban Pizarro (PR)	7	-	6
Christophe Tiozzo (FRA)	8	5	12
Don Lalonde (CAN)	9	-	-
Lottie Mwale (ZAM)	10	-	-
Virgil Hill (USA)	-	2	3
Thomas Hearns (USA)	-	4	-
Fabrice Tiozzo (FRA)	14	6	-
Wan Sub Lee (KOR)	29	7	-
Tim Hillie (USA)	-	-	2
Saul Montana (MEX)	15	-	4
Andrea Maggi (ITA)	-	-	7
Robert Folley (USA)	-	-	8
Earnie Magdaleno (USA)	20	-	10

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Mauro Galvano (ITA)	C	-	-
Victor Cordoba (PAN)	-	C	-
Iran Barkley (USA)	-	-	C
Michael Nunn (USA)	1	1	2
Tony Thornton (USA)	2	2	1
Nigel Benn (GB)	3	4	10
Frank Nicotra (FRA)	4	3	3
Ron Essett (USA)	5	7	-
Henry Wharton (GB)	6	-	9
Merqui Sosa (DR)	7	8	11
Frank Liles (USA)	8	6	-
James Cook (GB)	9	10	8
Darrin Van Horn (USA)	10	-	4
Tim Littles (USA)	17	5	5
Otis Grant (CAN)	-	9	-
Mwehu Beya (ITA)	18	-	6
Jean Tsidjo (FRA)	14	-	7

MIDDLEWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Julian Jackson (VI)	C	-	-
Reggie Johnson (USA)	-	C	-
James Toney (USA)	-	-	C
Sumbu Kalambay (ITA)	1	2	5
Lamar Parks (USA)	2	1	2
Mike McCallum (JAM)	3	4	1
Roy Jones (USA)	4	6	4
Herol Graham (GB)	5	-	10
Jorge Castro (ARG)	6	-	-
Bernard Hopkins (USA)	7	9	3
Frederic Seillier (FRA)	8	-	-
Steve Collins (USA)	9	3	8
Otis Grant (CAN)	10	-	-
Chad Parker (USA)	-	5	-
Joe Gatti (USA)	13	7	-
Ruben Cabral (ARG)	-	8	-
Francesco Dell'Aquila (ITA)	12	10	11
Glenn Wolfe (USA)	-	-	6
Percy Harris (USA)	14	-	7
Tyrone Trice (USA)	-	-	9

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Terry Norris (USA)	C	-	-
Vinny Pazienza (USA)	-	C	-
Gianfranco Rosi (ITA)	-	-	C
Julio Cesar Vasquez (ARG)	1	1	6
Simon Brown (USA)	2	7	-
Aaron Davis (USA)	3	2	12
Jean-Claude Fontana (FRA)	4	9	5
Troy Waters (AUSTRL)	5	-	11
Carl Daniels (USA)	6	-	3
Yung Kil Chung (KOR)	7	4	-
Wally Swift (GB)	8	-	8
Chris Pyatt (GB)	9	-	
William Jones (USA)	10	-	-
Gilbert Dele (FRA)	11	3	1
Hitoshi Kamiyama (JAP)	15	5	-
Jorge Castro (ARG)	-	6	7
Vernon Phillips (USA)	-	8	-
Pat Lawlor (USA)	-	10	-
Vincent Pettway (USA)	12	12	2
Gilbert Baptist (USA)	-	-	4
Lloyd Honeyghan (GB)	21	-	9
Gilberto Barreto (COL)	-	-	10

WELTERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
James McGirt (USA)	C	-	-
Meldrick Taylor (USA)	-	C	-
Maurice Blocker (USA)	-	-	C
Genaro Leon (MEX)	1	4	10
Patrizio Oliva (ITA)	2	10	6
Santos Cardona (PR)	3	-	-
Glenwood Brown (USA)	4	3	9
Luis Gabriel Garcia (VEN)	5	2	1
Crisanto Espana (VEN)	6	1	2
Vernon Phillips (USA)	7	-	-
Jong Oh Park (KOR)	8	5	-
David Gonzalez (USA)	9	-	8
Donovan Boucher (CAN)	10	9	-
Yori Boy Campas (MEX)	15	6	3
Ludovic Proto (FRA)	12	7	12
Buck Smith (USA)	13	8	5
Kevin Pompey (USA)	23	-	4
Stephan Johnson (USA)	28	-	7

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Julio Cesar Chavez (MEX)	C	-	-
Akinobu Hiranaka (JAP)	-	C	-
Rafael Pineda (COL)	-	-	C
Juan M. Coggi (ARG)	1	1	9
Hector Camacho (PR)	2	-	-
Terrence Alli (USA)	3	4	2
Rodney Moore (USA)	4	3	11
Greg Haugen (USA)	5	-	-

Angel Hernandez (PR)	6	10	-
Charles Murray (USA)	7	-	3
Andy Holligan (GB)	8	-	7
Vince Phillips (USA)	9	-	5
Frankie Randall (USA)	10	-	-
Pernell Whitaker (USA)	11	2	1
Edwin Rosario (PR)	14	5	-
Rodolfo Aguilar (PAN)	-	6	-
Morris East (PHIL)	28	7	-
Valery Kayumba (ZAI)	20	8	-
Loreto Garza (USA)	17	9	-
Pat Barrett (GB)	-	-	4
Oba Carr (USA)	-	-	6
Ramon Zavala (USA)	-	-	8
Felix Trinidad (PR)	13	-	10

LIGHTWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Darryll Tyson (USA)	1	5	5
Miguel Gonzalez (MEX)	2	9	-
Sharmba Mitchell (USA)	3	8	9
Tony Lopez (USA)	4	7	8
Wilfredo Rocha (COL)	5	-	10
Frankie Mitchell (USA)	6	10	7
Rafael Ruelas (USA)	7	12	-
Jorge Paez (MEX)	8	6	6
Ramon Marchena (MEX)	9	-	-
Shane Knox (AUSTRL)	10	-	-
Chil Sung Chun (KOR)	24	1	-
Joey Garnache (USA)	-	2	-
Dingaan Thobela (SA)	-	3	-
Gussie Nazarov (RUSS)	-	4	-
Freddie Pendleton (USA)	11	-	1
Tracy Spann (USA)	12	-	2
Eduardo Molina (COL)	16	-	3
Miguel Julio (COL)	22	-	4

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Azumah Nelson (GHA)	C	-	-
Genaro Hernandez (USA)	-	C	-
John-John Molina (PR)	-	-	C
Gabe Ruelas (USA)	1	2	6
Jeff Fenech (AUSTRL)	2	8	11
Bernard Taylor (USA)	3	9	2
Calvin Grove (USA)	4	4	8
Coco Ramirez (MEX)	5	-	3
Regilio Tuur (HOLL)	6	-	-
Renato Cornett (AUSTRL)	7	12	-
Jimmy Garcia (COL)	8	-	-
Victor Hugo Paz (ARG)	9	-	-
Jimmi Bredahl (DEN)	10	3	-
Yuji Watanabe (JAP)	18	1	-
Juan Negron (PR)	14	5	-
Harold Warren (USA)	19	6	-
Masuaki Takeda (JAP)	27	7	-
Jesus Gutierrez (PAN)	-	10	-
Fernando Caicedo (COL)	-	-	1
Jerry Ngobeni (SA)	-	-	4
Jackie Gunguluza (SA)	-	-	5
Orlando Marimon (COL)	-	-	7
Wilson Rodriguez (DR)	30	-	9
Eugene Speed (USA)	12	-	10

FEATHERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Paul Hodkinson (GB)	C	-	-
Yung Kyun Park (KOR)	-	C	-
Manuel Medina (MEX)	-	-	C
Kevin Kelley (USA)	1	1	3
Ever Beleno (COL)	2	7	6
Goyo Vargas (MEX)	3	-	-
James Leija (USA)	4	6	4
Jose Ramos (DR)	5	-	-
Jemal Hinton (USA)	6	3	8
Tom Johnson (USA)	7	2	2
Troy Dorsey (USA)	8	-	10
Ricardo Cepeda (USA)	9	-	-
Miguel Arrozal (PHIL)	10	-	-
Luisito Espinosa (PHIL)	22	4	-
Eloy Rojas (VEN)	-	5	-
Tar Shik Chun (KOR)	-	8	-
Chris Saguid (PHIL)	15	9	-
Giovanni Nieves (VEN)	-	10	-
November Ntshingila (SA)	-	12	1
Louie Espinoza (USA)	12	-	5
Orlando Soto (PAN)	-	-	7
Tony Green (USA)	16	-	9

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Thierry Jacob (FRA)	C	-	-
Wilfredo Vasquez (PR)	-	C	-
Welcome Ncita (SA)	-	-	C
Tracy Patterson (USA)	1	5	-
Rudy Zavala (USA)	2	10	7
Daniel Zaragoza (MEX)	3	-	-
Kennedy McKinney (USA)	4	4	1
Julio Gervacio (DR)	5	-	3
Luis Mendoza (COL)	6	2	-
Jose Garcia (DR)	7	-	-
Jae Won Choi (KOR)	8	3	-
Raul Perez (MEX)	9	-	12
Juan Bautista Rodriguez (COL)	10	-	-
Freddy Cruz (DR)	11	1	-
Jose Rincones (VEN)	-	6	5
Hiroaki Yokota (JAP)	18	7	-
Adalberto Acevedo (PAN)	18	8	-
Ramon Guzman (VEN)	-	9	-
Richard Duran (USA)	29	-	2
Jesus Salud (USA)	13	-	4
Sakda Sawpungdee (THAI)	-	-	6
Cesar Polanco (DR)	25	-	8
Ray Minus (BAH)	22	-	9
Luisito Espinosa (PHIL)	-	-	10

BANTAMWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Joichiro Tatsuyoshi (JAP)	C	-	-
Victor Rabanales* (MEX)	C	-	-
Eddie Cook (USA)	-	C	-
Orlando Canizales (USA)	-	-	C
Chang Kyun Oh (KOR)	1	-	-
Eliecer Julio (COL)	2	1	4
Junior Jones (USA)	3	2	1
Gerardo Martinez (USA)	4	-	8
Clarence Adams (USA)	5	8	6
Daorung Chuvatana (THAI)	6	3	-
Yong Hoon Lee (KOR)	7	6	-
Javier Leon (MEX)	8	9	3
Johnny Bredahl (DEN)	9	11	11
Vincenzo Belcastro (ITA)	10	-	-
Yasuey Yakushiji (JAP)	11	4	-
Israel Contreras (VEN)	21	5	-
Abraham Torres (VEN)	-	7	9
Harold Mestre (COL)	28	10	7
Juvenal Berrio (COL)	-	-	2
Francisco Alvarez (COL)	19	-	5
Junai Ramayana (INDO)	-	-	10

*Interim Champion

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Sung Kil Moon (KOR)	C	-	-
Katsuya Onizuka (JAP)	-	C	-
Robert Quiroga (USA)	-	-	C
Greg Richardson (USA)	1	-	-
Jose Luis Bueno (MEX)	2	6	2
Gerry Penalosa (PHIL)	3	8	-
Armando Salazar (MEX)	4	-	-
Elvis Alvarez (COL)	5	-	-
Thalerngsak Sithbaobay (THAI)	6	2	-
Armando Castro (MEX)	7	1	7
Joel Luna (MEX)	8	7	1
Bernardo Mendoza (CHI)	9	-	-
Cecilio Espino (MEX)	10	-	-
Hyun Chul Lee (KOR)	24	3	-
Kotaro Hayashi (JAP)	18	4	-
Kenji Matsumura (JAP)	12	5	-
Jing Gil Byun (KOR)	11	9	-
Lamhot Simamora (INDO)	20	10	8
Carlos Mercado (COL)	16	-	3
Vincenzo Belcastro (ITA)	-	-	4
Samuel Duran (PHIL)	-	-	5
Miguel Martinez (MEX)	-	-	6
Ole Kiatwonway (USA)	-	-	9
Dan Nietes (PHIL)	-	-	10

FLYWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Muangchai Kittikasem (THAI)	C	-	-
Yong Kang Kim (KOR)	-	C	-
Rodolfo Blanco (COL)	-	7	C
Isaias Zamudio (USA)	1	-	1
Alberto Jimenez (MEX)	2	-	-
Yuri Arbachakov (RUSS)	3	2	-
Yun Un Chin (KOR)	4	4	-
Rolando Pascua (PHIL)	5	-	-
Al Kotey (GHA)	6	5	6
Francisco Tejedor (COL)	7	-	-
Cuachtemoc Gomez (MEX)	8	-	-
Antonio Perez (MEX)	9	-	-
Seung Koo Lee (KOR)	10	-	-
David Griman (VEN)	-	1	-
Scotty Olson (USA)	11	3	2
Alvaro Mercado (COL)	30	6	10
Aquiles Guzman (VEN)	-	8	-
Evangelio Perez (PAN)	-	9	-
Salvator Fanni (ITA)	-	10	8
Pichit Sitbangphachan (THAI)	26	-	3
Tongehai Kittikasem (THAI)	-	-	4
Dave McAuley (IRE)	-	-	5
Rafael Caban (PR)	-	-	7
Harold Grey (COL)	-	-	9

LIGHT FLYWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Humberto Gonzalez (MEX)	C	-	-
Hiroka Ioka (JAP)	-	C	-
Michael Carbajal (USA)	-	-	C
Melchor Cob Castro (MEX)	1	10	5
Nam Hoon Cha (KOR)	2	4	-
Javier Varguez (MEX)	3	-	7
Leon Salazar (PAN)	4	-	3
Alejandro Montiel (MEX)	5	8	-
Kwang Sun Kim (KOR)	6	5	-
Domingo Sosa (DR)	7	-	-
Napa Kiatwanchi (THAI)	8	-	-
Shiro Yahiro (Japan)	9	11	9
Jesus Chong (MEX)	10	-	-
Myung Woo Yuh (KOR)	-	1	12
Juan A. Torres (PAN)	12	2	2
Benedicto Murillo (PAN)	15	3	-
Robinson Cuestas (PAN)	28	6	1
Bong Jun Kim (KOR)	19	7	-
Leo Gamez (VEN)	19	9	-
Azadin Anhar (INDO)	-	-	4
Jesus Zuniga (INDO)	-	-	6
Manny Melchor (PHIL)	-	-	8
Jacob Matlala (SA)	-	-	10

STRAWWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Ricardo Lopez (MEX)	C	-	-
Hi Yong Choi (KOR)	-	C	-
Far-Lan Lukmingkwan (THAI)	-	-	C
Hideyuki Ohashi (JAP)	1	2	-
Rocky Lim (JAP)	2	5	-
Ala Villamor (PHIL)	3	10	1
Chana Porpaoin (THAI)	4	1	-
Carlos Murillo (PAN)	5	3	2
Kwang Soo Oh (KOR)	6	-	-
Singprasert Kittikasem (THAI)	7	-	-
Rafael Torres (DR)	8	4	3
Sung Woo Lee (KOR)	9	7	-
Andy Tabanas (PHIL)	10	11	12
Marcelino Bolivar (VEN)	25	6	7
Manny Melchor (PHIL)	15	8	-
Ramel Lawas (PHIL)	-	9	-
Felix Naranjo (COL)	-	-	4
Alejandro Montiel (MEX)	-	-	5
Carlos Rodriguez (VEN)	22	-	6
Ratanapol Vorapin (THAI)	-	-	8
Alfredo Xeque (MEX)	12	-	9
Said Iskandar (INDO)	28	-	10

FOUR TRIED, THREE FAILED

Carnera Only Italian To Win The World Heavyweight Title; Galento, Dorazio, And Musto Halted By Louis

From The Ring, October 1946

By Sid Feder

It is one of the fight game's little ironies that there have been more Italian or Italian-American fighters in the ring in the past quarter-century than any other nationality, yet only one man of Italian blood has ever held the richest prize of all—the world heavyweight championship.

And, giving the irony another twist, while four Italian fighters have challenged for the heavyweight crown through the years, the bids of three were turned back by the same man, Joe Louis. The fourth Italian thumper, Primo Carnera, won the championship.

Now the fifth fighter of Italian blood is going to try it—tough, stand-up-and-punch Tami Mauriello from the Bronx—and precedent is all against him. When the Bronx barkeep climbs into the Yankee Stadium ring against the "Brown Bomber" on September 18, the boys will be remembering what Joe did to Gus Dorazio and Tony Musto, the Italian-Americans who had their shots at Louis before Tami.

As a matter of fact, they'll be remembering, too, that one other Italian fought for the richest prize of all. For while old Primo made it and sat on the throne for a while, there is no forgetting the fact that Louis got around to chopping him down along with the rest (though the crown wasn't at stake that time).

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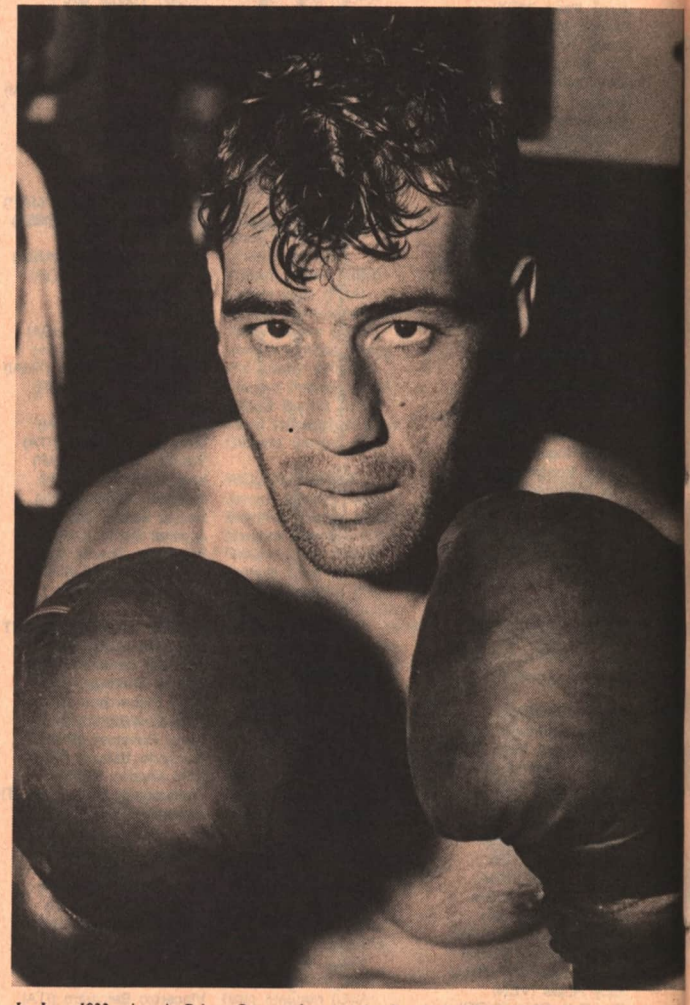
All this doesn't mean, of course, that the Italian-Americans didn't make a rassle of it while they were in there, or that Tami had better not show up. For Tami has the same number of arms and fists as Joe, and that means they'll at least be starting out even right there.

Certainly, old Preem got as much mileage as possible out of his talents in taking the title from Jack Sharkey, and holding it against Paulino Uzcudun and

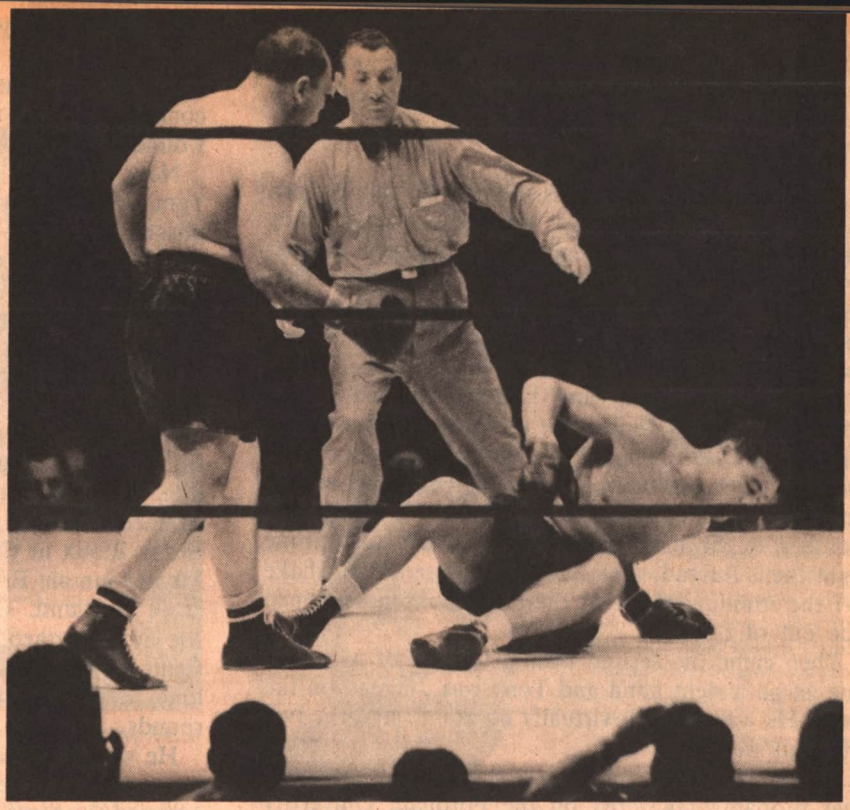


In June 1933, gigantic Primo Carnera became the first Italian heavyweight to win the world title. Three other Italians have since failed: Tony Galento, Gus Dorazio, and Tony Musto.

Tommy Loughran, before Max Baer hit him on the chin and took the crown away in 1934.

And certainly one of boxing's all-time thrillers was the pitch "Two-Ton" Tony Galento threw at Louis back there in 1939. It was June 28 that year, you remember, and 34,852 customers crowded into Yankee Stadium to contribute to a gate of $333,308—one of the top 25 in boxing history.

The boys weren't giving The Beer-Barrel-Who-Walks-Like-A-Man much of a look-in that night. They said Two-Ton had done most of his training behind his bar in Orange, New Jersey, and that Louis would hit him once and break him open like a steer being split down the middle in a slaughterhouse. Only the late Joe "Yussel" Jacobs and Harry Mendell, Tony's publicity tub-thumper, hollered not to sell Two-Ton short.



"Two-Ton" Tony Galento floored heavyweight champion Joe Louis during their wild June 1939 brawl. Unfortunately for the challenger, Louis got up.

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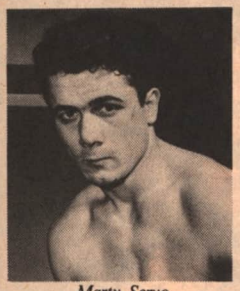

Marty Servo

HEAVYWEIGHTS

World Champ: Joe Louis

1. Tami Mauriello
2. Joe Walcott
3. Elmer Ray
4. Tommy Gomez
5. Bruce Woodcock
6. Billy Conn
7. Lee Q. Murray
8. Jimmy Bivins
9. Curtis Sheppard
10. Joe Baksi

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

World Champ: Gus Lesnevich

1. Ezzard Charles
2. Freddie Mills
3. Tommy Yarosz
4. Joe Kahut
5. Billy Fox
6. Archie Moore
7. Billy Grant
8. Fitzie Fitzpatrick
9. Booker Beckwith
10. Billy Smith

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

World Champ: Tony Zale

1. Jake LaMotta
2. Charley Burley
3. Steve Belloise
4. Rocky Graziano
5. Marcel Cerdan
6. Jimmy Edgar
7. Artie Levine
8. Holman Williams
9. Bert Lytell
10. Jose Basora

WELTERWEIGHTS

World Champ: Marty Servo

1. Ray Robinson
2. Beau Jack
3. Tippy Larkin
4. Johnny Greco
5. Willie Joyce
6. Tony Janiro
7. Tommy Bell
8. Bernard Docusen
9. Danny Kapilow
10. Jackie Wilson

LIGHTWEIGHTS

World Champ: International Title Vacant

1. Bob Montgomery*
2. Ike Williams**
3. Johnny Thomas
4. Vic Patrick
5. Allie Stolz
6. Julio Jiminez
7. Enrique Bolanos
8. Johnny Bratton
9. Larry Cisneros
10. Ronnie James

*Recognized by New York

**NBA Champion

FEATHERWEIGHTS

World Champ: Willie Pep

1. Phil Terranova
2. Carlos Chavez
3. Oscar Calles
4. Miguel Acevedo
5. Jackie Graves
6. Ray Famechon
7. Jock Leslie
8. Sandy Saddler
9. Sal Bartolo
10. Ronnie Clayton

BANTAMWEIGHTS

World Champ: Manuel Ortiz

1. David Kui Kong Young
2. Theo Medina
3. Luis Castillo
4. Tony Olivera
5. Benny Goldberg
6. Cliff Curtis
7. Cliff Anderson
8. Jackie Jurich
9. Luis Galvani
10. Jimmy Webster

FLYWEIGHTS

World Champ: Jackie Paterson

1. Rinty Monaghan
2. Bunty Doran
3. Joe Curran
4. Dado Marino
5. Alex Murphy
6. Seaman Terry Allen
7. Stumpy Butwell
8. Dick O'Sullivan
9. Tommy Burney
10. Hugh Cameron

So all Tony did was walk out there and come within a couple of inches of winning the championship, a fact which scared the daylights out of a lot of people, before the roof caved in on him.

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Tony went swinging across the ring on those short, pudgy legs of his, with his left arm blockbuster ready to go as soon as the opening bell sounded. He met Louis coming to him, and he pulled the trigger. That first hook caught Joe squarely on what the boys like to refer to as the "potato," and Joe's knees became two stems of not-too-solid chocolate pudding.

Louis half-staggered and half-backpedaled into a corner and was standing there almost helpless when Tony let the second hook go. It landed inches away from dead center on the target, somewhere between Joe's ear and the part in his hair, and if it hadn't, the Bomber might have come tumbling off the throne right then. Instead, that second blow seemed to shake off the stunning effect of the first hook and snapped Joe out of it.

Then came the second round, and all of a sudden Joe let go a right hand and Tony was dumped on the deck. He was up with virtually no count, and the two of them went at it.

In the third came the biggest shock of all—a shock that probably registered on the Fordham University seismograph that night. For that was the round when Tony caught Joe with another sizzling left hook, and Louis hit the floor.

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There was a veteran boxing man sitting behind us that night. When that happened, he shuddered and shut his eyes.

"Say it isn't so, pal," he pleaded, groaning in disbelief. "Say it isn't so."

But Joe came up, and that was the beginning of the end for Tony. Louis went to work on him the rest of that round, and when the fourth opened, he was putting the finishing touches on, like icing a cake.

After a few moments, he got Tony backed against the ropes on the first base side of the ring and he let everything go. It was like one of our Navy's superdreadnaughts opening up with all gun turrets at once. Every time he threw a punch in that short round, he seemed to tear a new gash in Tony's face. Afterward, the doctors took something like 50 stitches around Galento's features for one of fistiana's fancier jobs of needlework.

Finally, Tony couldn't take anymore. No human being could have. His knees gave and he toppled, like a short, round smokestack, and as he fell, his arms grabbed out and encircled referee Arthur Donovan's midsection. He slid the rest of the way to the floor holding on to the arbiter.

This was the first of Louis' Italian-American challengers. In 1941 came the other two, while Joe was on his so-called "Bum of the Month" tour. He met Gus Dorazio in Convention Hall in Philadelphia on February 17. Gus mixed it up with the Bomber for one round. Then, in the second, his chin hung out there for a split second, like a pair of pants waiting for an iron to descend and start pressing them. Joe did the pressing right then, and it was all over.

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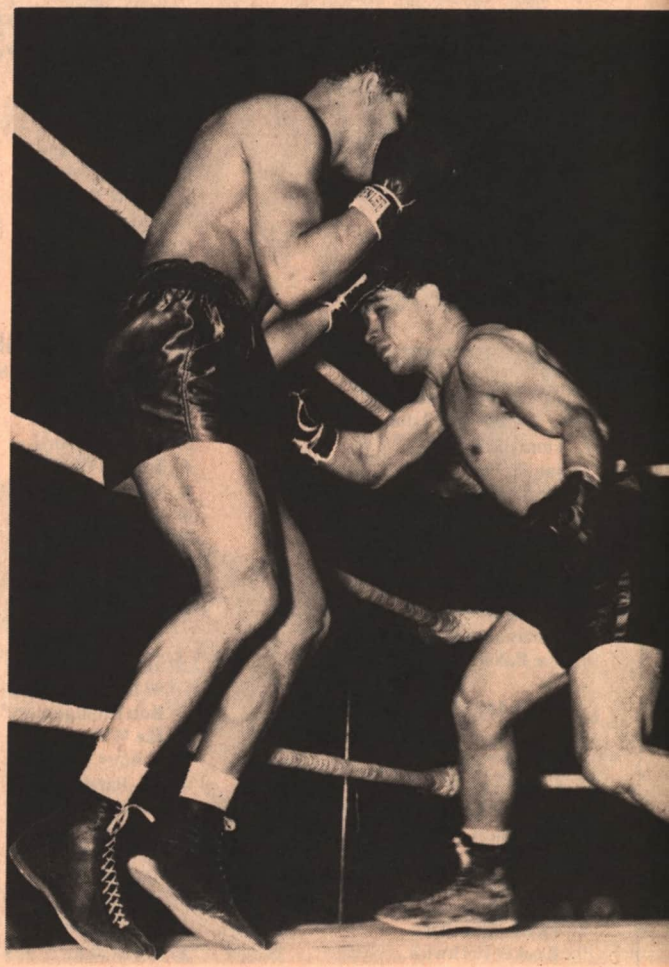
In April, stocky Tony Musto tried it in St. Louis. For half-a-dozen rounds, his crouching, crowding style bothered the Bomber. Then Louis found the combination and turned loose his Sunday stuff, and wound it up in the ninth.

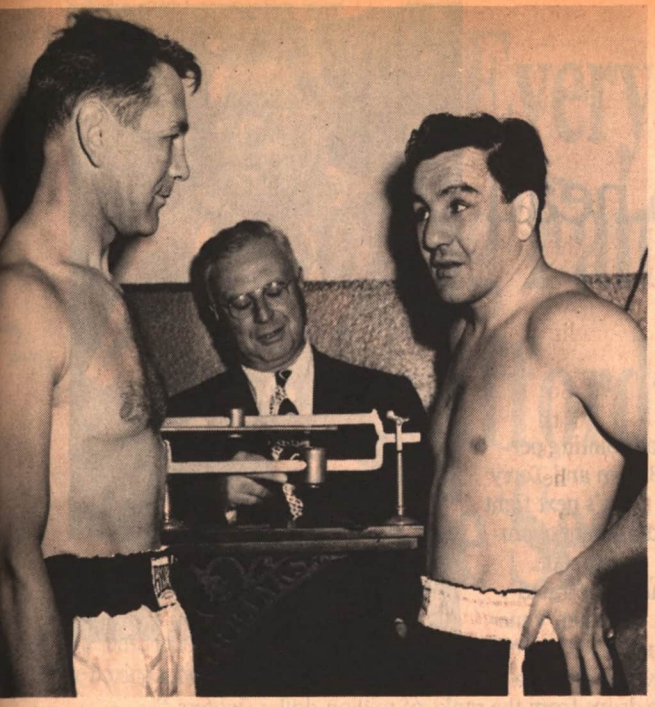
Now it's Tami Mauriello, and there is no doubt Tami would rather think of what Carnera accomplished in going after the heavyweight crown than what the others managed to do. Because, after all, Old Preem did win it, regardless of all the stories of how it was accomplished—with the aid of mirrors and by pulling rabbits out of hats.

Primo came over in 1930 with Leon See, and soon Louis Soresi and Billy Duffy, who knew their way around the fight game the way your hatband knows the way around the inside of your hat, were handling him. They started barnstorming this huge, plough-chinned, likeable giant up and down the byways—Elizar Rioux in Chicago, Buster Martin in St. Louis, Man Mountain Erickson in Oklahoma City, Sam Baker in Portland, Oregon, K.O. Christner in Detroit, Riccardo Bertazollo in Atlantic City. There were 22 fights and 22 wins—21 by knockout—before Jim Maloney outpointed the grinning Italian in Boston in 10 rounds.

He went back to Europe for a while, won a couple more, and returned to this country early in 1931. He reversed the score on Maloney as a starter, then added six more kayos, before Jack Sharkey won one from him.



Tony Musto troubled Joe Louis during his April 1941 try at the title. Louis' power eventually surfaced, however, and he kept the crown by ninth-round stoppage.



Tami Mauriello weighs in with light heavyweight champion Gus Lesnevich, who, in 1947, defeated the Bronx-born Italian in consecutive non-title bouts.

There were 28 more fights after that, in Europe and America, and losses only to Larry Gaines, the Canadian who did most of his fisticuffing in England, and to Stanley Poreda.

And then, in 1931, after the ill-fated finish to his fight with Ernie Schaaf—apparently injured in a previous bout with Max Baer, Schaaf collapsed in the ring in the 13th round and died later the same night in a hospital across the street from Madison Square Garden—he was matched with Sharkey and won the championship when his foe bowed out in six rounds.

Primo took the championship to Rome and defended it against Uzcudun over 15 rounds. Then he brought it to Miami and turned back the bid of the skilled Loughran; Tommy was too badly outweighed and outsized that night. Finally, on June 14, 1934, Old Preem took the title into the ring with him against Maxie Baer and absorbed an unmerciful beating for 11 rounds before Madcap Maxie tore the crown from his head.

The following year, a young, fresh, fearsome fist-fighter named Joe Louis came charging out of Detroit, mowing down everything in front of him. Old Preem was the first major test they gave to the dark destroyer in New York. Carnera lasted six rounds with Joe that night, and a crowd of 62,000 saw his game stand. It convinced everyone that Louis was here to stay.

One thing is virtually certain about Louis' next start against an Italian: Tami is almost sure to attract the largest gate an Italian fighter ever lured through the turnstiles in challenging for the heavyweight championship. The record up to now is the $428,000 chipped in by the crowd of 56,000 who saw Primo lose his crown to Baer.

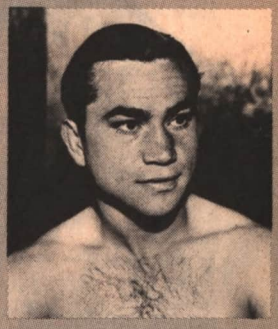
In this one, Tami is fighting practically in his own backyard, and the word is that the Bronx will just about call its own national holiday that night to see him. ■

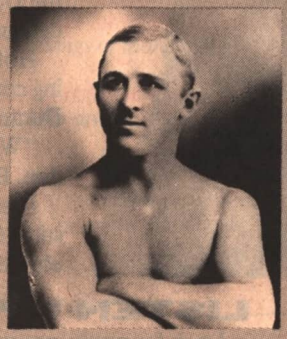
THE RING, October 1946

The Cover: Number-one heavyweight contender Tami Mauriello is ready for his crack at world champion Joe Louis. During his endless title reign, Louis holds wins over three Italian challengers, Tony Galento, Gus Dorazio, and Tony Musto.

Who Will Beat Joe?: No one, of course, is invincible, and James P. Dawson details the type of fighter who will have the best chance to dethrone heavyweight champion Joe Louis. His conclusion: One who can both outbox and outpunch "The Brown Bomber." Is Superman available?

The New York Champs: On September 18, Bronx heavyweight Tami Mauriello will try to become the 18th New York-born fighter to win a world title when he squares off with Joe Louis. Among the New Yorkers who were crowned: Benny Leonard, Gene Tunney, Barney Ross (pictured), and "Terrible" Terry McGovern.



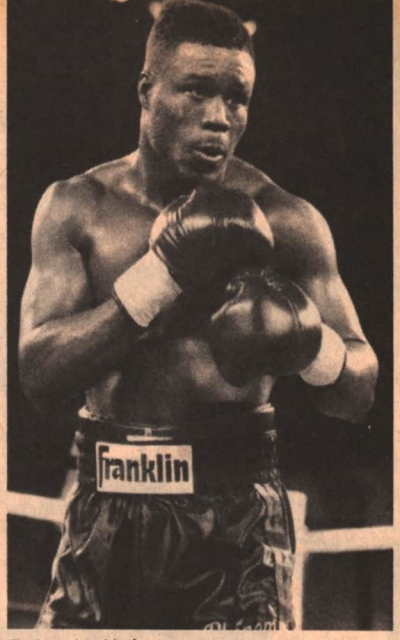


King Of The Lights: Daniel M. Daniel looks at Michigan's Kid Lavigne, who, after ke kayoed England's Dick Burge in June 1896, was recognized as the first world lightweight champion. Lavigne reigned until dethroned by Frank Erne in July 1899.

Fighter Of The Month: World featherweight champion Willie Pep is honored for his outstanding eighth-round stoppage of Jackie Graves in a non-title bout in Minneapolis. Graves is rated fifth by *The Ring*.

Looking Ahead

By Steve Farhood



Taylor: A critical test

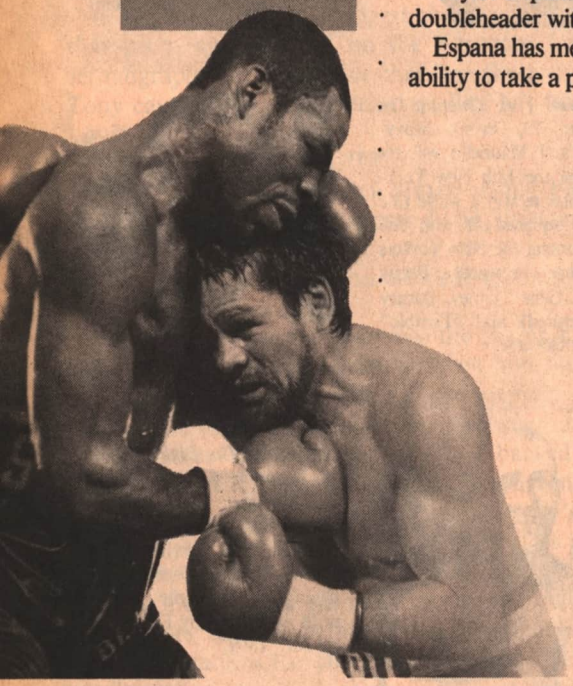
MELDRICK'S NEXT TEST

Given Meldrick Taylor's disappointing performances against Glenwood Brown and Terry Norris, the WBA welterweight titlist's next fight will either reestablish him as a dominant champion or expose him as a fighter on the slide. That fight will be a defense against top-rated contender Crisanto Espana, an unbeaten Venezuelan based in Northern Ireland.

"If he doesn't win it," said Kathy Duva, a publicist for the champion, "he drops from the ranks of million-dollar fighters."

Taylor-Espana will be televised on HBO, either in September, or, as part of a doubleheader with Lennox Lewis-Razor Ruddock, in October.

Espana has met limited opposition, but he's a strong hitter. If Taylor has lost his ability to take a punch, he'll lose his title, too.



Barkley and Duran may do it again

BARKLEY-DURAN II?

After IBF super middleweight champion Iran Barkley added the WBA light heavyweight title by outpointing Thomas Hearns, it was rumored that his next bout would be a challenge of WBA cruiserweight king Bobby Czyz. But that rumor quickly faded, and has been replaced by a new one.

"Czyz is a possibility, but not a probability," said Stan Hoffman, Barkley's adviser.

Now it looks as if Czyz may face Hearns, and Barkley, who vacated the 175-pound title immediately after winning it, will make a mandatory defense in September or October against Tony Thornton. Unless . . .

Hoffman said that offers from Africa, Canada, and the USA are being considered for a defense against Roberto Duran. In February 1989, Duran took Barkley's WBC middleweight title by split decision.

"What it means," Hoffman said of a return with Duran, "is retribution. Both Iran and I felt we pulled out a win last time."

Last we looked, Duran was battling pro wrestlers in Japan. We presume that if he fights Barkley, he won't be allowed to bring any foreign objects into the ring.

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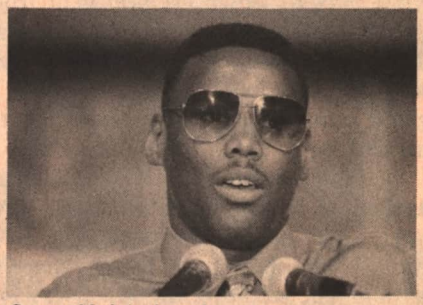

Stewart: Much in demand

Look for newly crowned WBA lightweight champion **Joey Gamache** to make his first defense against former 130-pound king **Tony Lopez** . . . Lucky WBA bantamweight champion **Eddie Cook** is a puncher. His first defense will come in Colombia against top-rated **Eliecer Julio**. That's an especially tough place for a visitor to win on points . . . TVKO has reportedly turned down a **George Foreman-Larry Holmes** fight. Why do we suspect that talk of a **Holmes-Tommy Morrison** fight is about to surface? . . . Heavyweight **Alex Stewart**, reborn after his tough points loss to **George Foreman** in April, wants $500,000 for his next big fight, according to manager **Jim Fennell**. Team Stewart has already turned down an offer of $175,000 to fight **Tommy Morrison**. Said Fennell, "I found that very unsatisfactory." ■

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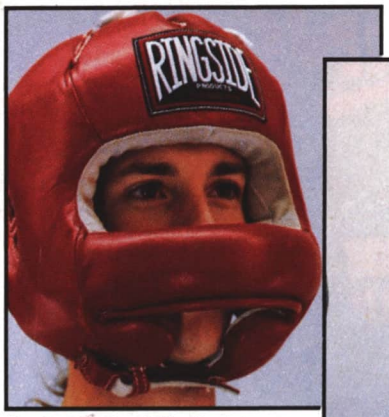

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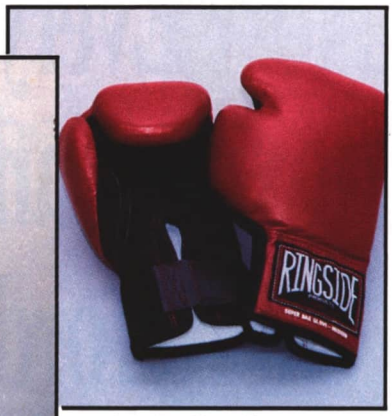

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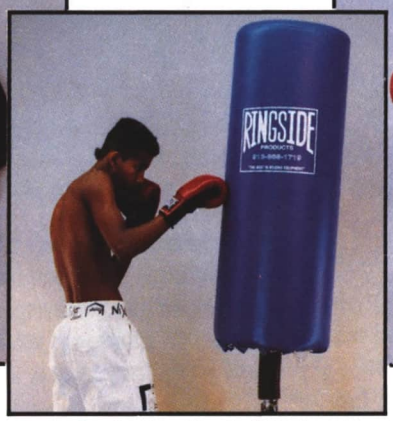

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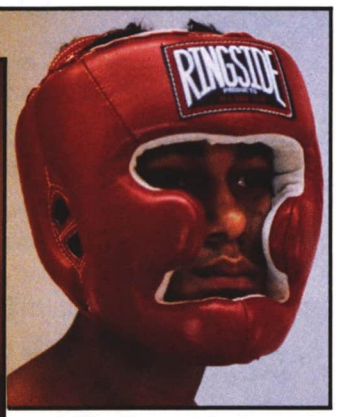

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